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Break-Through Towards Pengpu, Yangtse River NEW THREAT TO CAPITAL

Nanking, November 29.

A large Communist army in the Suhsien and Linpi area has broken through the Government roadblocks and is rolling southwards towards Pengpu in the direction of the Yangtse River, pro-government reports said today.

Advance Communist units were said to have reached points between Kuchien and Szechuan, about 125 miles North of the Yangtse.

It is believed that this Communist army, roughly 150,000 men strong, will by-pass Pengpu which is strongly defended by about 26 divisions and cut a swathe towards the rural areas on the North bank of the Yangtse River.

By this manoeuvre, it is pointed out, the Communists would not only be able to push their threat to the vicinities of Nanking, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's capital, but it would also bring them into territories thinly garrisoned by the Nationalists. Their superior rural warfare experience is expected also to give them an edge over the Nationalists.

Government warplanes in day-long raids were trying to check the Communist crossing of the Kuan River on their Southward march. But apparently the Communists nullified the air attacks by night operations.

Drive To South

Meanwhile, two Government army groups deployed in the Hsueh-chow area today were reported to have begun a drive Southwards from Hsueh-chow on both sides of the Hsueh-chow-Nanking railway.

These army groups, commanded by General Chiu Ching-chuan and General Sun Yuan-liang, smashed the Communist interception 20 miles South of Hsueh-chow and are now heading for Chiakow, 30 miles South of Hsueh-chow and 18 miles North of Communist-held Suhsien.

Military observers expressed the belief that the Southward drive of the two army groups was a move to cope with the Communist strategy of bringing the war nearer to Nanking rather than to reopen the rail communications below Hsueh-chow.

Central News reported the two army groups were advancing in two parallel lines East and West of the railway.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist command South of the Yangtse held combined army and naval conferences to map out river patrol measures.

Govt To Leave Hsueh-chow?

New York, November 29. The New York Times radio station today broadcast a report that Chinese Government forces had been ordered to abandon Hsueh-chow, the main Government supply base North of Nanking, in the battle for the capital.

The report said that Government generals were reluctant to abandon the base because it would involve surrendering large quantities of arms and ammunition. The last message from Hsueh-chow said that the Communists had recently got within five kilometres of the airfield and had dropped shells within its perimeter.

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Naval Patrol

It is learned the Government has assigned more naval vessels to the river stretch between Nanking and Kluksang.

The agency also reported that Government troops are making further progress in a drive pointed at Tsinan to divert Communist pressure in the Hsueh-chow-Nanking area.

It said three Government columns of unknown strength are heading for Pingtu and

Kaomi, 60 and 40 miles North West of Tsinan. One column, by-passed Chiao-chow, 25 miles North West of Tsinan, and is advancing directly on Kaomi.

Both Kaomi and Chiao-chow are rail towns on the railway linking Tsinan with Tientsin. Rapidly shrinking Nationalist China, meanwhile, on the eve of returning to one-party Kuomintang rule after 18 months of Government by a three-party coalition cabinet.

Following the appointment of Dr. Sun Fo to the premiership, the Young China Party—one of the three political groups hitherto forming the coalition—announced today its decision to withdraw from active participation in the Government.

Conditioned

It, however, pledged its continued co-operation with the national administration where its own policy did not conflict with that of the Cabinet.

Similar action is expected to be taken by the Democratic Socialist Party, the other minority group in the Government, thus leaving the field clear to Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang Party.

Both the Young China and Democratic Socialist parties were originally internal parties of the now outlawed Democratic League but seceded when they disagreed with what they considered the latter's growing pro-Leftist leanings.

One of the reasons for the present move of the Young China Party is believed to be its dissatisfaction with the nominal role which the minority parties are made to play in the past two coalition Cabinets, when all key posts were placed in the hands of Kuomintang members and every major policy decided by the Kuomintang alone.

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Before -- And After Disastrous Fire



The top picture, originally printed in the "China Mail" last July, shows the Hollywood Road squatters huts packed together with little space between, providing an obvious fire trap. This newspaper's warning then that such mushroom communities were a public menace has so far evoked little action from Government. In the lower picture dense clouds of bituminous smoke from tarred roofs tower above the city as the Hollywood Road huts blaze fiercely.—Francis Wu photo.

Improvement In King's Health Seen

London, November 29. Improvement in the general health of King George VI was reported today by his doctors.

A bulletin issued at Buckingham Palace said:

"As a result of relief from walking, standing, and fatigue, improvement in the general health of the King is apparent. This is an important factor in re-establishing arterial circulation to the feet, which is also being encouraged by appropriate medicinal and physical measures. In this condition, restoration of circulation is a slow process, extending over a period of months."

"Some improvement has already taken place, and there is less cause for immediate anxiety regarding the right foot."

The doctor disclosed last Tuesday the King was ill and said unless he had rest and treatment, his conditions might well involve serious risk to the limb.

Immediately a projected Royal tour of Australia and New Zealand, due to begin in January, was cancelled.

The British Press Association court correspondent, who the Palace says writes with official guidance, reported the bulletin is regarded definitely as a good one.

"The fact that only a week after their first bulletin they (the doctors) can state definitely that some improvement has already taken place, must be regarded as a good and encouraging sign," the correspondent said.

"It is particularly the last phrase in the bulletin—stating that there is less cause for immediate concern regarding the right foot which makes the general interpretation of the bulletin favourable."—Associated Press.

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Fire Sweeps Wooden Huts In Hollywood Rd, Kills One, Injures Four

More than 1,500 people were rendered homeless in less than an hour yesterday when a disastrous fire, which started about 2.30 p.m. burnt down approximately 300 wooden huts located on the old Queen's College site in Hollywood Road.

The fire, which cost the life of a small child and caused serious injuries to four persons, is said to have started suddenly in the centre of the squatter settlement and to have spread with such rapidity that when the Fire Brigade arrived, the whole area was a sea of flame.

Fanned by a strong breeze which changed direction from time to time, the flames reached out and scorched the verandahs of houses along Aberdeen Street and Bridges Street. It was only through the foresight of members of the Fire Brigade, who played their hoses on these houses, that none of them became involved in the fire.

As was pointed in the "China Mail" in July, the presence of these huts has been a menace not only to health, but to safety. When the alarm was raised, pandemonium broke loose, as screaming women and children dashed for all possible exits and clambered down wooden steps leaning against the walls surrounding the site.

Residents in nearby houses, fearing that their premises would become involved in the fire, began removing their bedding, trunks and articles of furniture to places of safety.

Pathetic scenes were witnessed as weeping women endeavoured to rush into the inferno to search for children whom they had left behind in their own haste to get away when the fire broke out.

A large party of police was despatched to the spot and, with the aid of wooden ladders which were placed at strategic points, effectively kept back the thousands of curious sightseers who gathered.

Business Suspended
Goldsmiths as far down as Lyndhurst Terrace, fearing that unruly elements among the sightseers might take advantage of the situation and indulge in an orgy of looting, quickly closed their iron grilles and suspended business.

Shing Wong Street at the west end of the site, was littered with articles of clothing, blankets and other personal effects which had apparently been thrown over the wall by occupants of the hut before they escaped.

The spread of the fire, which was brought under control after an hour's strenuous effort by the Fire Brigade, was aided by the presence of large wheels of canvas which had been heavily coated with tar for roofing purposes.

This is the second fire to take place within a week, affecting large settlements. On Tuesday evening last, a large settlement at South Lane, West Point, was razed to the ground by fire. There were no casualties on that occasion.

Up to a little hour last night, the cause of the fire had not been ascertained.

Tojo, Six Others May Be Hanged At Dawn Today

Tokyo, November 29.

There were mounting indications that Hideki Tojo and the six other condemned Japanese war leaders will be hanged before dawn on Tuesday, Tokyo time.

Tojo and his colleagues have been notified that General MacArthur has upheld the verdict of the Allied Tribunal which tried and sentenced them to die.

All the families of the condemned men now have had their final visit.

The Buddhist priest who probably will administer the last rites was still within the high walls of Sugamo Prison long after his usual afternoon hour of departure.

Late this afternoon, General MacArthur's public information officer, Colonel M. P. Echols, said in a special release that the men have been notified they can no longer hope for clemency by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

"Word has been received through the Eighth Army that all the condemned war criminals in Sugamo Prison have been informed that General MacArthur has upheld the verdict of the International Military Tribunal of the Far East," Colonel Echols said. "All seven of the condemned men are in good physical condition."

Press Barred

General MacArthur has directed that all correspondents be barred from the executions despite worldwide protests, and the official announcement of the executions will come through Colonel Echols' office.

Colonel Echols has issued orders that only a specified duty officer in his office will receive messages concerning Tojo and the others and pass them on to the press.

Written orders from Colonel Echols to his staff state: "The duty officer will not receive or pass on any information received even by the telephone until he has had complete identification of the person. Each duty officer will personally check with the PIO (Public Information officer, Colonel Echols) before going on duty to obtain the code words for his duty period."

A brief flash at the time of the executions is expected to be telephoned to the Public Information Office for immediate release to the press and then to be followed by a more detailed description of the executions as soon as can be prepared by the officials.—United Press.

Explosion In Hull City

Hull, November 29.

An explosion at the British Cocoa Mills plant in the centre of Hull occurred at 11.40 GMT today. Detective Superintendent J. B. Killyington said first reports indicated there were 50 to 60 casualties. No details are yet available.

Fire engines and ambulances were rushed to the scene.—United Press.

The Weather

At 8300 hours GMT (8 p.m. HEST) an intensifying tropical depression was centred over N. Mindanao, and was moving W at 5 knots. The anti-cyclone has weakened but has moved SE to a centre over Central China and a very strong N.W. trade has accordingly developed between SE China and S. Luzon.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E or NE winds strong in exposed places. Fair.

Yesterday's Weather—Maximum: 65.5 deg. F. Minimum: 64.1 deg. F. Sunshine: 8.7 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—2452.6 mm.—96.93 ins. as against an average of 3111.1 mm.—122.5 ins. Readings at 10 a.m.

Baro. at m.s.l.—1010.8 mm.—30.44 in. Rel. Humidity 67 % Dew Point 49 °F Wind Direction N.W. Wind Force 18 kts. Time 10.00

High 69.6 deg. F. Low 60.9 deg. F. Baro. at m.s.l. 1011.1 mm.—30.45 in.

CANADA LOOKS TO PACIFIC

Wellington, November 29.

Canada was looking to the Pacific as a new field of expansion for her airways, Mr. Alfred Rivett, the Canadian High Commissioner in New Zealand, told delegates to the conference of the South Pacific Air Council, which opened here today.

The object of the conference—outlined by Mr. Walter Nash, Prime Minister of New Zealand, in a welcoming speech—was to find a way to co-ordinate their airways to the east advantage.—Rout.

TROPICAL STORM NEAR PHILIPPINES

Manila, November 29.

A tropical storm with gale winds up to 50 miles an hour whistled across the Philippine Sea today toward Leyte and Cebu.

The Weather Bureau, in an advisory bulletin, said the depression was expected to centre 30 miles North of Surigao by 1800 GMT. By 0500 GMT on November 30, the storm was expected to be 6.4 North, 123.5 East or 30 miles West of Cebu.

The storm may delay return to Manila of President Quirino, who was enroute in the Southern Philippines.—Associated Press.

Madame's Visit:

Secrecy Shrouds Departure

Shanghai, November 29. Madame Chiang Kai-shek left last night for the United States aboard a United States Navy airplane. At least it was presumed it was the Madame.

As far as the public is concerned it could have been Josef Stalin or Madame Lazonga or Chiang Kai-shek himself who climbed aboard the plane under a billowing veil of secrecy which was draped by the United States Army and Navy over the airplane itself, over the field from which she departed, over the men planning her flight and the men flying her plane.

The United States Army and Navy worked together to keep a secret with the zeal which would have delighted any advocate of a unified service. The fact that Madame's flight already had been announced by the U.S. Embassy in Nanking in no way deterred the Army and Navy officers here who slipped their lips with grim vengeance and brandished the word security like a mop.

"Operation Secret"—Madame's flight aboard a United States platoon transport plane—came into being shortly after the Nanking announcement of her flight.

Army officers here said they knew nothing about the flight except what they read in the newspapers. Their sailor brothers were equally ignorant of the fact that China's first lady is flying to

the United States in one of their airplanes.

The United States Military Air Transport Service got into the act, too. MATS officers at the field where the Navy plane was parked most of the afternoon would say nothing about the trip.

The MATS commanding officer and Public Information Officer could not be located.

Madame Lands At Guam

Guam, November 29.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek arrived today en route from China to the United States to ask American aid against the Communists.

She declined to see newsmen when the U.S. Navy transport in which she is making the flight landed here. Flight plans have been kept secret but it is expected the plane's next stop will be Honolulu.—Associated Press.

Three United States correspondents who went to the air field in an attempt to photograph and talk with the Madame before her flight to the United States on a United States Navy plane, which presumably was burning United

States gasoline, were told flatly "no pictures; nobody near that plane."

This dictum was announced by Army officers who said they received their orders from the Navy. This dictum was backed up by pistol-toting Army military police.

The correspondents—Jack Hogan, Associated Press photographer, Jack Birnes, Life photographer and Tom Lambert—retired to the airfield operations office.

An innocent question about a flight plan chalked on the board in the office which showed a four-engine Navy airplane about to take off shortly for Guam resulted in the pertinent data being erased from the blackboard.

Shortly afterward several gleaming American sedans pulled out to the airfield. From the rear interior of one stepped a lady who is going to the United States presumably to ask more help from Uncle Sam. With a small party she boarded the giant plane. The engines coughed into a roar and the plane took off.

"Operation Secret," however, was not concluded then.

An officer who said the Madame was on the plane, took the correspondent 50 yards away from a brother officer before admitting in a low mutter he had seen her board the plane which was now only a twinkling pair of wingtips headed in the direction of the United States.—Associated Press.

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If you have a favourite film star—and who hasn't?—take part in the "HONG KONG FILM NEWS" Star Ballot, and get all your friends to vote, too. This Ballot has been organised to give readers an opportunity of finding out who is the most popular actor and actress with Hong Kong filmgoers, and to discover, by election, the best film shown during the period October, 1947 to October, 1948.

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NAME
ADDRESS

ACTOR
ACTRESS
FILM

SENTENCE PASSED ON KINOSHITA, YOSHIDA

Heavy Fine For Radio Operator

A fine of \$3,000 or eight months in default was imposed on Cheung Man who was charged with maintaining and possession of a radio communication station before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland, who was counsel for the defendant, Mr. D. B. L. Grew of the General Post Office, prosecuting, said that at 11 o'clock on the morning of September 8, Mr. Cecil Yow of the Radio Licensing Office and a party of police raided 10 South Lane, third floor, at West Point. The inmates of the floor refused to open the door and it was only after 10 minutes and threat of forcible entry that the raiding party gained admittance.

In the rear sublevel was found a radio receiver of the communications type. The set was still hot, which suggested that it was in actual operation when the party arrived. In a drawer of a desk were found two slips containing what appeared to be illegal messages. An account book showing prices paid for items of equipment was also seized.

In the adjacent cubicle, an illegal telephone was discovered hidden under the bed. The telephone had no number on it and presumably was connected to the Hong Kong Telephone Company Junction box outside the house. The wire, however, had been cut.

Mr. Grew added that the receiver was not suitable for broadcast programmes and cost twice as much as a good broadcast receiving set.

In his defence, Mr. Russ said that defendant was only checking the numbers of lottery tickets he had bought in Macao and the two slips contained nothing else but those numbers. Moreover, the radio set was not the property of defendant but of another man.

The radio set was ordered to be confiscated to the G.P.O.

Policeman Charged At Kowloon

Police constable 1462 Yu Tung-chuek, aged 29, was brought before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on the counts of demanding \$1 with menaces, and conspiring to obtain daily payments from fish hawkers.

It was alleged that he demanded the money from Cheung Ying Ching, a fish hawker, on November 27, and that he conspired, between November 21 and 27, with another not in custody to obtain daily payments from fish hawkers on his beat.

At the request of Detective Sub-inspector D. S. Roberts, accused was remanded for three days in custody.

Clan Fight, Ending In One Death, Recalled

An argument over a hawkling pitch at Castle Peak Road on October 24, which led to a clan fight two days later and resulted in the death of one of the combatants, was described to Mr. W. H. Latimer, Coroner, at Kowloon yesterday.

The Coroner was conducting an inquiry into the death of Lee Cheung who, according to Dr. R. E. Alvares, died of intra-abdominal haemorrhage and shock caused by a ruptured spleen.

The verdict was that "deceased, during the course of a fight, received a blow which caused the spleen to be ruptured and from the effect of which he died. There has been no evidence brought before the court to show who actually struck the blow."

Following this verdict, Lee Cheung, aged 28, unlicensed hawker, and Lee Ping alias Lee Ping-tuk, 25-year-old cooked food stall hawkers, were charged with manslaughter withdrawn against them by Detective-Inspector C. Dowman. They were accordingly discharged.

According to Chan Kam, 32-year-old female hawker, who occupied a pitch at Cheungshawan Market for about a year and considered it as her exclusive property.

Sentence was pronounced by the War Crimes Court at Lyamun Barracks yesterday on Lieutenant General Kinoshita Eiichi and Sergeant Yoshida Bunzo, who were found guilty on Wednesday of war crimes charges.

Kinoshita was sentenced to life imprisonment, and Yoshida was given 12 years. These sentences are subject to confirmation.

Before sentence was passed yesterday Kinoshita's counsel, Mr. Kakichi Masao, pleading for mitigation submitted three affidavits from Japan testifying to accused's good character.

Admiral Yoshida Zengo, who was in command of the Japanese Fleet in China at the time Kinoshita was chief of the Shanghai District Kempetai, stated that accused was sincere and upright and could not have countenanced ill-treatment of prisoners as was alleged against him.

Admiral Kondo, Nimitake, Yoshida's successor, also spoke highly of Kinoshita and said through his efforts relations between the Japanese Services and the Chinese were most amicable. He was mainly instrumental in maintaining peace and good order in Shanghai, he said.

Oka Shin, who was attached to the Japanese Naval Attache's Office in Shanghai in 1942, said Kinoshita exercised proper control over his subordinates. Yesterday's proceedings brought to a close the Bridge House case. At Bridge House, the notorious detention house for civilian internees in Shanghai, detainees were subjected to the most horrible tortures.

Popular Protests

The present trial was the result of popular protests in Shanghai and Shanghai over an earlier decision to drop the prosecution of Kinoshita and Yoshida, owing to insufficient evidence. The protest was taken to the House of Commons, and the Secretary of State for War ordered the re-arrest of the accused for trial.

The Court, appointed to try the accused, included Lieutenant Colonel L. A. Massie, Royal Scots Fusiliers (President) and Major B. H. Craik, The Buffs, and Captain H. M. McLeod-Martin, Midelex Regiment (members).

The prosecution was in the hands of Major Peter Clague, R.A., Assistant Director of Army Legal Services, G.H.Q. FARLEF. Kinoshita was defended by a Japanese barrister from Tokyo, Mr. Kakichi Masao, Yoshida, who refused legal assistance from Mr. Kakichi, conducted his own defence.

Kinoshita and Yoshida were jointly charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of Hans Martin, John Martin, William Hutton, resulting in the death of Hutton in August 1943.

Kinoshita was additionally charged with being concerned in the ill treatment of a Chinese resident named Yong, resulting in Yong's death in November 1942.

He was also charged with being responsible, as commanding officer of the Shanghai Kempetai from August 1942 to November 1944, with responsibility for the ill-treatment of various detainees at Bridge House and the Union Jack Club, Shanghai.

The trial, which opened on October 25, lasted 15 hearings, and 10 witnesses for the prosecution were brought down from Shanghai to testify against both accused. In addition, a large number of affidavits were read to the Court.

Peiho Theatre Case Called At Central

The Peiho Theatre Case was called before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

At the last hearing of the case before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon, Mr. Brook Bernacchi suggested that the case be transferred to the Central Court as neither Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr nor Mr. W. H. Latimer would be in a position to hear it. Mr. Blair-Kerr, in his capacity as Crown Counsel, had given advice to the prosecution, while Mr. Latimer sat as coroner at the inquest on those who died at the Peiho Theatre.

Mr. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. P. L. Lum represented the second defendant in the case, Wong Sang-po, film-developer, Mr. P. H. Sin represented Siu Wai-ying, alias Bartholomew, Ven Ing Shau, licensee of the Peiho Theatre and the defendant in the case.

Mr. Charles Mottram, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon) conducted the prosecution.

The case fixed for hearing on December 22.

Cautioned On Illegal Gold Import

When Lee Chee-cheng, 55-year-old woman, was searched by Female Detective Officer 58 at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on Sunday, a five-tael bar, a half-bar, a lump of gold, and a US\$20 gold coin were found on her waist. Nine gold rings were also found in her handbag.

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with importing gold without a permit, Lee was cautioned and had two gold rings returned to her. The other rings and the bullion were ordered to be confiscated.

At the request of Mr. Marcus de Silva, the counsel in which Yuen Chor-hing, aged 37, was charged with exporting gold (about six taels) at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on Sunday, was remanded by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday for a week. He was charged with D. H. Knox was in charge of both cases.

One Month For Each Iron Bar

For each length of iron bar he stole from Jardine Matheson and Company Limited, Chan Man, 40-year-old, has to serve one month in prison.

Brought before Mr. F. X. D'Almeida at Central yesterday, he pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny laid against him.

At 6.30 p.m. on Friday last, he was seen by a watchman of the company trying to get away with six lengths of iron bars from the company premises at 16 Pedder Street. He was immediately apprehended.

He was convicted in August this year for a similar offence and sentenced to four months' hard labour and six strokes of the cane.

This time he got six months and was recommended for banishment.

Inspector Moran prosecuted.

DEATH

Mr. Estanislau Maria ("Lulu Judge") Cordeiro died suddenly yesterday. Funeral has been arranged for today and will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

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Ex-members of the Army, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Army or the Home Guard should send their letters to the Under Secretary of State, the War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Ex-members of the Royal Navy should send their letters to the Admiralty, Whitehall, London.

Ex-members of the Royal Air Force and Women's Auxiliary Air Force should send their letters to the Air Officer in Charge of Records (C.I. Can.), Royal Air Force, Gloucester.

This notice does not apply to serving members of the Forces or to ex-members of the HKVDC, the HKRNVR or to ex-members of civilian defence units.

Mr. Loseby's Warm Tribute For Mr. Wicks

Mr. Justice Wicks, formerly Second Magistrate of Kowloon, was welcomed with a warm tribute by Mr. Charles Loseby yesterday morning, as he sat in the Supreme Court for the first time since he was appointed Additional Judge in place of Mr. Justice Gould.

Mr. Gould will be going on leave to Australia and New Zealand shortly.

Mr. Loseby was representing the appellants side of a case in the Court of Appeal composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and the new judge, Mr. Justice Wicks.

Mr. Loseby offered congratulations on behalf of the members of the Bar and the legal profession.

Mr. Loseby went on to say that Mr. Wicks' achievements, of which he had not fully been aware until that morning, were remarkable.

The speaker then referred to Mr. Wicks' career at King's College, Gray's Inn, and at Oxford, which was interrupted by the outbreak of the war.

Mr. Loseby concluded by saying that Mr. Wicks, in his arduous work could rest assured that his recent appointment would be greeted with real and genuine pleasure by every member of the Bar and every member of the legal profession in Hong Kong, and that he could be sure they would always do their best to reciprocate that kindness and patience for which his Lordship was already well known.

Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Assistant Crown Solicitor, who is on two weeks' leave, will take over the Second Court, Kowloon, at the expiration of his holiday. Mr. Blair-Kerr was, before his appointment to the Law Office on July 8, the Second Magistrate in Kowloon.

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Application In Property Case Granted

After having bought property for 45,000 yen, he had made repeated and unsuccessful attempts to find the former owner, Lo Sau-pang, a merchant, told the Supreme Court yesterday.

Lo's application for an order that the Registrar execute a confirmatory assignment in respect of a document in Japanese was granted by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge).

In his application, Lo stated that on December 15, 1943, he bought land now known as No. 59 Queen's Road, Central, for 48,000 yen. On the same day, he attended at the offices of a Chinese lawyer, Cheung Tsz-leuk, who practised during the Japanese occupation and there executed an assignment of the property in writing in Japanese. Chu Po-kam also attended and executed the Japanese assignment and, after the execution, Lo said, he paid over the consideration money of 48,000 yen.

This Japanese assignment was registered in the then Japanese house registration office as "Hong 7200". He bought the property through the introduction of a Chinese property broker who was unknown to him and whose name he had forgotten.

Lo said the solicitors had informed him that the document in Japanese was not an assignment of the legal estate of the premises to him and that a further confirmatory assignment must be executed in order to vest the legal estate in him. He had made repeated attempts to find Chu Po-kam by calling at the address given in the Japanese assignment, No. 121, Queen's Road, East, and also at the address given in the Crown Lease of the property at 210 Des Voeux Road, Central.

Only Vacant Land
At the first address, he found the house demolished and there was only a piece of vacant land. At the second, he was told that no such person resided or was known there.

On September 22, Lo said, he instructed his solicitors, Messrs. Ford, Kwong and Co., to inform Chu, calling upon him to execute a confirmatory assignment of the property to him and was told by them that the messenger taking the letter had had similar experiences at both addresses.

He then advertised in two Chinese papers for three days, informing Chu that he would take Court action if he did not comply with his request.

Neither he nor his solicitors had heard from Chu.
Mr. G. S. Ford, of Ford, Kwong and Co., represented Lo Sau-pang, the petitioner, while Mr. J. C. H. Lam, of the Law Office, represented Chu Po-kam, the respondent.

Inquiry Commission Investigating Fire Resumes Hearing

The Commission of Inquiry investigating the Wing On Godown fire resumed its sitting yesterday afternoon to hear witnesses who were recalled to clarify evidence already given at earlier hearings.

Mr. Wilkie Lam, manager of the Wing On Godown, in reply to the President, Mr. Justice Reynolds, said storage charges were levied according to the size and measurement of packages, and not to the contents. There was also a difference in the charge according to whether cargo was stored on the ground floor or on an upper floor. The higher the floor, the higher would be the charges, owing to additional coolie hire.

He remembered Mr. McIntosh-Smith, the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, visiting the Godowns, but he could not recall how many times he had called beyond the visit Mr. Smith made in January 1948. He did not inspect No. 5 godown during that visit. The subject of dangerous goods was never discussed with him, he said.

It had been a standing rule for years that all windows of the godowns should be closed at night.

In reply to Mr. Y. K. Kan, solicitor for the Wing On Company, witness said that when goods were removed from one godown to another, owners would be notified at once, and they would be asked to take out an insurance policy to cover the goods and would be asked also for the return of the godown warrant for endorsement.

Regarding the removal of the 30 tons of gelatin, witness said he was not personally aware of the case and in fact he never knew that gelatin had been stored in the godowns at all.

To Mr. B. D. Evans, solicitor for the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Association, witness said when Mr. Smith visited the godowns witness was asked to take him around. Mr. Smith paid special attention to the fire extinguishers but he could not say whether he also paid special attention to the nature of the godowns.

No Consultations

The next witness, Mr. L. B. Kwok, Chief Manager of the Wing On Company, said Wilkie Lam would come to consult him if he was in doubt concerning anything. He had never been consulted in regard to the nature of the goods stored in the godowns.

In reply to the President, witness said he would have thought that as manager of the godowns Lam would have made himself aware of the nature of the goods stored in the godowns.

Witness had complete confidence in Lam who had been an executive officer of the Company for many years. The godown staff was working smoothly under his direction.

In reply to the President whether he had confidence in Lam despite the fact that he had said he did not know the regulations regarding the storage of goods, witness replied in the affirmative.

Mr. T. M. King, Hong Kong manager of the China Fire Insurance Company, said the 144 drums of film scrap which were destroyed in the fire, were insured by his company. They were at first stored in the No. 1 godown and subsequently transferred to the No. 5 godown.

He had always found the Wing On Godowns reliable, and they

always notified his company promptly of any changes or removals of goods, he said.

Mr. C. W. Brand, Deputy Chief Officer of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, told the Commission of the utmost of fire appliances and various other measures taken to combat the fire, and gave as his opinion that even if four times the appliances were turned out, it would not have helped matters substantially, and the godowns would have been burned down all the same. He said a godown fire was of a kind where the risks involved were unprecedented.

In reply to the President, witness said that from the start the fire was uncontrollable and the building was doomed. Further hearing was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. today.



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HONG KONG FILM AND THEATRE NEWS at 50 cents per copy. Obtainable at Leading Book Stores, Newspaper Sellers and "China Mail" Office.

SCRIBBLING PADS—100 pages at 50 cents each. On sale at "China Mail" office, Windsor House, Tel. 52312.

JAVA CONSOLIDATED RUBBER AND COFFEE ESTATES, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hong Kong)

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named Company will be held at 601/606 Marina House, Hong Kong on Tuesday, the 21st December, 1948, at 12 noon for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947; to confirm the appointment of a Director and to elect a Director; to elect Auditors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 13th to the 21st December, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD., Secretaries.

Hong Kong, Nov. 30, 1948.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

MONTHLY TICKETS

Monthly Tickets for the month of December may be obtained, as follows:—

New tickets for passengers not holding a ticket for the present month can be obtained only at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on and after 30th November.

Existing tickets can be renewed at the Traffic Office, Canal Road East, on the 28th, 29th and 30th November and 1st and 2nd December.

Existing tickets may also be renewed at Queen's Building, Connaught Road Entrance, near Star Ferry, on the 29th and 30th November and 1st and 2nd December.

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Tickets are now available in the Secretary's Office for the Formal Buffet Dinner to be held at the Club House on Saturday, the 4th December, 1948. Members are requested to book early.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA DANCE

The Secretary is now receiving applications for tickets which will be strictly limited. No tickets may be procured on the night of the Dance, and Members are strongly advised to arrange their parties now in order to avoid disappointment later.

Tickets are priced at \$20.00 each, including Supper, Novelties etc.

NOTICE

Mr. R. V. Lederhofer has been appointed Assistant Managing Director of this Company.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD. Hong Kong, Nov. 27, 1948.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Mr. ALAN REID has been authorised to sign Per Procurator with effect from 29th November, 1948.

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ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG SESSION 1948/49

A Paper "Hong Kong Water Supply System" by Mr. L. Jackson, A.M.I.C.E. will be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 5.45 p.m. in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

NOTICE

AWARD OF CAMPAIGN STARS AND MEDALS.

Arrangements have now been made for ex-members of United Kingdom Forces to submit their applications for Campaign Stars and War Medals.

Applications should be by letter and should contain the number, rank, name and unit of the applicant and particulars of the service which qualifies him for the award of the Star or Medal.

Ex-members of the Army, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the Supplementary Reserve, the Territorial Army or the Home Guard should send their letters to the Under Secretary of State, the War Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1.

Ex-members of the Royal Navy should send their letters to the Admiralty, Whitehall, London.

Ex-members of the Royal Air Force and Women's Auxiliary Air Force should send their letters to the Air Officer in charge of Records (C.I. Cam.), Royal Air Force, Gloucester.

This notice does not apply to serving members of the Forces or to ex-members of the H.K.V.D.C., the H.K.R.N.V.R. or to ex-members of civilian defence units.

NOTICE

A talk by Miss Lynda Grier, M.A., formerly Principal of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and present Representative of the British Council in China, will be given in St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30.

The subject will be "Education in England Today."

All interested are invited to attend.

Vessels Encounter Heavy Seas

Several ships which arrived here yesterday from the South reported encountering heavy seas.

The ss. Tai-poh-shan, coming from Bangkok via Hanoi, reported being battered by rough, nearly gale force, monsoons en route. The British vessel brought 1,200 tons of general cargo and 12 Asiatic passengers.

The Panamanian vessel Mando, arriving here from Port Campha with 1,500 tons of soya beans and 800 tons of rice, was restricted in her movements by North East strong "rough" seas. She had no passengers.

The French ship Petrel also reported bad weather en route from Saigon.

Coming from the United Kingdom via the Straits, the British steamer Sargol carried 1,420 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong. She had also about 100 passengers, including 100 Chinese.

The master reported encountering North, North East gales in the South China seas. The vessel is now lying in Kowloon Bay.

The ss. Tsinan, bringing 303 Asiatic passengers from Shanghai and more than 300 tons of cargo, met strong North gales and high seas en route.

Additional Charge Of Robbery

Chan Sang-tung, Yuen Chi and Wong Pang, held in custody since their arrest on November 1, were brought before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when an additional charge of armed robbery was brought against Chan and Wong.

Wong Pang was also further charged, by Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, on two counts of receiving stolen property.

The three accused are alleged to have conspired to commit an armed robbery at 18 Nanking Street on November 1, and to have been in possession of a revolver loaded with five rounds, and two daggers, at Nanking Street.

Chan and Wong are also accused of having taken part in an armed robbery at 20 Cross Street on October 2 where a quantity of jewellery and money were stolen. Wong was further stated to have received some of the property stolen from this address.

Defendants were remanded to the afternoon of December 6 when the conspiracy and arms possession charges will be heard. Ng Sai-yung, 50-year-old widow, charged with receiving \$40, part of the Cross Street robbery loot, was also remanded for a week.

Sentenced On Charge Of Assault

It was not wise to lose his temper, Wong Ping-choi found when he was brought before Mr. F. K. D'Almada at Central yesterday on the charge of assaulting Yu Lit.

Detective Sub-Inspector Cockrane, the prosecuting officer, stated that on the afternoon of November 17, Yu Lit, one of the new taxi drivers employed by the Yellow Taxi Cab Company, was driving his car to the Police Station when he was hit by a taxi driven near the Helena May Institute. He decided to reverse the vehicle and bring it to the car park at the lower Peak Tram Station.

At this time, defendant who was driving a China Motor Bus with a full load of passengers up Garden Road, found his way blocked by the taxi. After sounding his horn in demonstration of his impatience, he stopped the bus and alighted. He approached the taxi and as the other man came out from his vehicle, he slapped him on the face with his open hand.

He attempted to strike again when Mr. W. J. Iles, one of the passengers on the bus, intervened. The fine of \$350 was imposed or a term of three months in default. He was also ordered to be bound over in \$250 for one year.

REMANDED FOR ONE WEEK

Charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Cheung Ping was remanded for a week, with bail fixed at \$1,000, half in cash and half in surety, on the application of Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Summers.

He was charged with larceny of 400 bottles and 90 packages of dutiable Chinese medicine from the Revenue Office room at Kowloon-Canton Railway Station on November 27.

Basket Holds Raw Opium

In the false bottom of a rattan basket were 600 lbs. of raw opium discovered by the Revenue Officers when they searched Wong Kai-sai at the Custodian Wharf on Saturday.

He was sentenced by Mr. F. K. D'Almada at Central yesterday to six months' imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000.

Revenue Inspector Redman prosecuted.

Another man Lam Chau was fined \$1,500 or three months in default for possession of three tins of raw opium when searched at the Star Ferry Wharf on Sunday.

Inspector Moran prosecuted.

Midnight Raid On Opium Divan

Shortly after midnight yesterday morning, Sub-Inspector D. G. Cutler raided 3 New Market Street, first floor, and arrested seven men in an opium divan.

The keeper, Li Tso, was sentenced by Mr. F. K. D'Almada at Central to six months' imprisonment.

The six smokers were each fined \$50 or 10 days in default.

About half an hour later, S. Cutler and his party raided 20 Queen's Road West and discovered that the basement was used as an opium divan.

Nine men were taken into custody.

A young man of 18 named Ho Kar-lung, who has previously been convicted of larceny, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for keeping the divan.

The eight smokers were each fined \$75 or 10 days.

Inspector Moran prosecuted.

Pickpocket Gets Year's Hard Labour

Tam Shik, 25-year-old professional pickpocket, was at Kowloon yesterday sentenced by Mr. W. H. Latimer to a year's hard labour and two years police supervision on the charge of stealing \$24 from Tsang Mun.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans said that about 1.05 p.m. on November 27, Tsang was on a route 13 bus, and when near the Clear Water Bay Road bus stop saw defendant, who was sitting next to him, spreading out a Chinese newspaper in front of his (complainant's) chest.

At the Sheung Yuen Lin village bus stop, Tsang found that he had lost some money from his inner jacket pocket. At the same time, he saw defendant getting off the bus.

When Tsang shouted, Tam started to run. Police constables 1200 and 759, standing at the rear of the bus, jumped off and chased accused who was seen to throw away the newspaper and \$24.

Brought to Shamshuipo Police Station, defendant was found to have dog bites on his hands and chest. He said that he received the bites from a dog at Shamshuipo, on November 25.

Defendant, said SI Evans, was convicted in 1946 and 1947 for the same type of offence. He appeared to be a professional pickpocket.

REHABILITATION ALLOWANCE

The average of the Food and Fuel figures for the weeks ending October 30 to November 27 being \$13.0898, the Rehabilitation Allowance for the month of December will be:—

Daily-paid Workers:
Artisans \$ 3.00 a day
Coolies \$ 2.40 " "
Females \$ 1.80 " "
Monthly-paid Workers:
Males \$64.00 a month
Females \$60.00 " "

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and Fuel costs for the week ending November 27 were as follows:—
Rice and Flour 7.2 cwt. \$18.48700
Vegetables 1.0 " 1.5010
Salt Cabbage 2 " 1.1400
Oil 7 " 1.4140
Tea 2 " 2.660
Salt Fish 3 " 2.880
Fish 4 " 1.9040
Pork 10 " 2.800
Firewood 100 " 7.400
Bean Curd, 14 pieces 7.000
Total \$118.10030

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

A SUIT-PREFERENCE signal, to indicate your desire for a particular return when your partner gets the lead, may be employed at practically any stage of the defence. It may even be given by the card chosen for the opening lead. There are many situations in which this is possible. One arises when your partner knows you have a long holding in the suit you open. If the spot card is clearly higher than your fourth-best, your preference for a return is the higher-ranking of certain other suits. If it is clearly lower than your fourth-best, it asks for a lead of the lower-ranking of those suits.

When Mr. Solomon led the heart 2, Mrs. Peterson realised immediately that it was not a standard fourth-best. Mrs. Solomon's two bids of that suit had been of such a nature that it was absolutely certain she held more than four hearts. This being lower than the fourth-best, it was therefore a suit-preference signal low-ranking side suit of clubs instead of the high-ranking suit of diamonds. If the latter suit had been preferred, Mrs. Solomon would have led the 8 or 10.

Mrs. Peterson's course won the opener with the heart A and returned the club 2 for a ruff. The club K was bound to take a trick later, so the suit-preference lead, combined with obedience to the signal, caused the defeat of the one-trick-too-high contract.

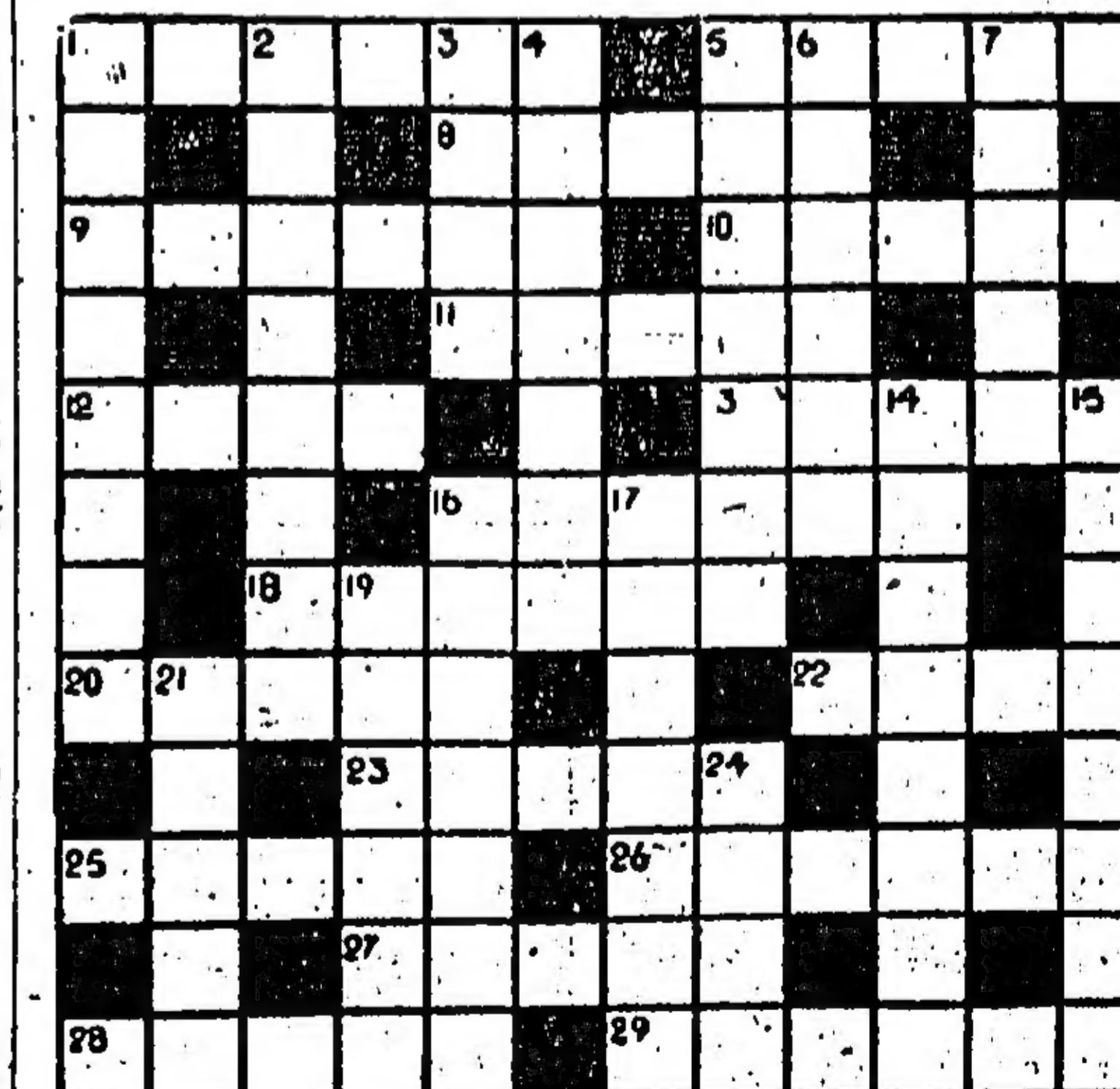
(Dealer: North. North-South vulnerable.)
North: 1H 1S 4H 4S
East: 1H 1S 4H 4S
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Two of Philadelphia's greatest women players put up a perfect

TODAYS QUESTION

Can you think of situations in which perfect defence depends upon making the declarer mislead the location of key cards in his opponents' hands?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

1 Song. 18 Effaces.
5 Pastoral. 20 Fops.
8 Twelve. 22 Terrible.
9 Material. 23 Twist.
10 Bright. 25 View.
11 Domestic. 26 Health.
12 Assert. 27 Senior.
13 Cook. 28 Lovers.
16 Take ill. 29 Protect.

Down

1 Lamented. 15 Specially.
2 Diminished. 16 Gifted.
3 Approach. 16 Rogues.
4 Gives. 17 Cut.
5 Venues. 18 apart.
6 Concord. 19 Reposed.
7 Assured. 21 Join.
14 Pose. 24 Was dressed in.

Yesterday's Crossword

Across—3 Good. 7 Baron. 8 Elan. 9 Siro. 10 Mandate. 12 Plo. 15 Overt. 18 Slew. 19 Irate. 21 Alter. 22 Amen. 23 Tonic. 20 Eggs.

Drink **Rheingold** 精飲 蘭爾啤酒
The Most Wanted Beer
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RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band, H.K.T.

12.15 p.m. - Religious Talk to Children.
(Radio)
12.30 p.m. - Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m. - Melodies from Scotland.
1.00 p.m. - News and Landmark on Two Planes.
1.15 p.m. - News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m. - Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m. - News from Foreign Lands.
1.40 p.m. - (Class Down).
6.00 p.m. - Programme Summary.
6.05 p.m. - Children's Half Hour "Toy Town" by R.H. Bulmer-Bossman.
6.15 p.m. - "The Extraordinary Affair of Ernest the Policeman".
6.30 p.m. - "Autumn by Radio" A Series of Twelve Weekly Lessons in Elementary Arithmetic, given from the Studio of Radio Hong Kong on Tuesdays and Fridays at 6.30 p.m. by R.R. Lee and Miss Lee Yee Lan. No. 12: Introduction Talk by John Davies O.B.E. & R.R. Lee.
6.50 p.m. - Jack Hyman and His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m. - World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m. - "So Live" Talks on Sport (Studio).
7.30 p.m. - Interlude.
7.40 p.m. - Melodies and Songs, Favorites, presented by Sylvia Woods (Studio).
8.00 p.m. - From the "Lullaby" (London Relay).
8.10 p.m. - "Lullaby" Programme.
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12.00 a.m. - "Lullaby" Programme.

EIGHT KILLED IN CRASH

Paris, November 28. Eight were killed when a French military plane based at Dakar crashed into the Mediterranean near Oran yesterday. The bodies of two officers and three non-commissioned officers have been recovered.—Reuter.

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BOOK NOW at Moutrie or Y.M.C.A.
PRICES: \$4, \$3, & \$2.

Paris, November 28. After working all day on Saturday and today, Dr. Juan Bramuglia of the Argentine came up to negotiate with a new compromise proposal to resolve the East-West crisis in Berlin.

Dr. Bramuglia's latest formula climaxes weeks of effort to bring East and West together in the Security Council, of which he is currently President.

The new proposal retains the simultaneous principle, reliable sources said. This means lifting of the blockade would be agreed to coincide with the introduction of a single Soviet currency in Berlin.

The compromise also has a new and practical approach. Dr. Bramuglia would have a committee of experts set up under the Security Council to work

Miners' Plan To Share In Ownership

Cologne, November 28.

The conference of the West Zone German Miners' Union opened at Cologne today. The conference will discuss a miners' plan to reorganize the Ruhr pits which are about to be handed to German trustees under Anglo-American control. The chairman of the Socialist Democratic Union, Herr August Schmidt, believed that Communist influence among the Ruhr miners will dwindle only if the miners are granted a substantial share in running the Ruhr pits. They will ask that half of the new Trustee Boards shall be composed of union representatives.

The conference will also discuss a statute for the reorganization of the unions to cover the Ruhr.

The Miners Union in the Soviet Zone, in a surprise move, elected 200 delegates to the conference to which it has not been invited. The union has been told in reply that no merger with the Eastern Zone is on the agenda.

Posters calling for all German unity, with photographs and signatures of East Zone miners' leaders, have been put in Ruhr towns.—Reuter.

Giving Them The Right Spirit

Belgrade, November 28.

The Vice-Premier, M. Eduard Kardelj, one of the Yugoslav leaders criticised by the Cominform last June, declared today that the country's Popular Front must imbue the masses with an even stronger spirit of fight against the remnants of reaction.

Addressing the Federal Committee of the Popular Front, he said: "The leading organs of the Popular Front have not sufficiently studied the various questions related to the work which was to be done by the lower organisations of the front. They are sending general directives and generalising political viewpoints which they want to have put into practice without enough detailed study of the problems involved."

He said that narrow mindedness must also be fought against since it happened often that persons of integrity were excluded from the work of the Front though they could render valuable services.—Reuter.

GUERRILLA CLAIM

Moscow, November 28.

Moscow Radio cites the guerrilla force of Greek "Macedonian" Democratic Army in Thessaly occupied seven villages and broke into the towns of Volos and Trikala, distributing leaflets and democratic newspapers.

The Radio also said Greek Army forces on the march to Kastoria in Western Macedonia entered a mine-field, losing six lorries.—Reuter.

Escape Story False Alarm

Rome, November 28. A police spokesman in Rome tonight described as a false rumour a story circulating here that Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, on trial for collaboration with the Germans, had escaped from Fort Decima, near Rome, where he is detained.

Graziani's family said his sister visited him this afternoon at Fort Decima and spent two hours with him.—Reuter.

Agitation For Peace Treaty

Tokyo, November 28.

The House of Representatives today unanimously passed a resolution stressing the necessity of an early peace conference for Japan.

The resolution instructed the Prime Minister, Shigeru Yoshida, to request General MacArthur and other parties concerned to bring about the holding of the peace conference as soon as possible.

An ex-Premier, Tetsu Katayama, explaining the purpose of the resolution, said that in the interests of demoralisation and economic recovery of Japan, an early peace treaty for Japan was vitally necessary.—United Press.

CZECH-DANISH AGREEMENT

Prague, November 28.

It was officially announced in Prague today that Czechoslovakia and Denmark have reached agreement in talks at Copenhagen on payments and an increase in Czechoslovak exports to Denmark.—Reuter.

Reds Order Cuts In Electricity

Berlin, November 29.

The Soviet authorities today ordered a sharp cut in electric power in the Soviet zone of Germany.

The Soviet-licensed news ADN said that the power will be cut off for five hours each day and to shops and offices for nine hours daily. Industry was ordered to operate only five days a week.

The Western occupation authorities said the power curtailment was the result of the Western counter-blockade against Eastern Germany.

Simultaneously, the American Commander in Berlin, Colonel Frank Blesley, warned the German Communists that he would tolerate no further removal of railway equipment from the U.S. sector of Berlin to the Soviet sector.

He said the Americans were considering counter-measures to meet the Communist threats to cut off the overland rail service to the Western sectors.

At Bonn, the Communist delegates to the Constitutional Assembly proposed that the Assembly dissolve itself as a result of suggestions submitted by the Military Governors of the Western zones.

The suggestions advised against too much centralised power in the Government which the Assembly is forming. The Communists said that this sector of Berlin is only a creation of the occupying powers.—Associated Press.

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WEST COAST STRIKERS STILL UNDECIDED

San Francisco, November 29.

Pacific Coast longshoremen voted on Sunday on a proposed new contract while negotiators struggled to bring peace between another union and the shipowners.

Two large locals, San Francisco and Seattle, have approved the new contract by overwhelming vote. Balloting in other locals is expected to be completed on Monday.

With the West Coast strike in its 88th day, three unions remained without contract—the CIO Marine Cooks, the unaffiliated Marine Firemen and the CIO Radio Operators.

Until they reach contracts with the employers, the CIO longshoremen will remain on strike.

When the striking Unions have achieved new contracts, the ship still may not sail. The AFL Sailor Union of the Pacific has declared it will not move any ships until it gets a new contract. The sailors are not on strike but have been idled by the longshore strike. They say they will not encroach on their claimed cargo working rights on coastwise and Alaska ships.

Atlantic Coast Strike Over

Meanwhile emergency squads of dockers returned to work today, ending the 18-day East coast strike, which had tied up 200 vessels, including the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary, and delayed Marshall Aid cargoes worth \$30,000,000.

Mr. Joseph Ryan, President of the International Longshoremen's Association, said that he would order a general return to work tomorrow. A new contract, he said, had been accepted by a nine to one majority of the 63,000 dockers.

Seventy-one union branches have accepted and only five rejected the terms offered, providing for a 13 cents an hour pay increase against the 50 cents increase demanded.

The dockers will also get a rise of 19½ cents an hour for night, holiday and week-end work, as paid holidays.

Shipping companies lost about \$200,000 a day in wages and the total loss to the shipping industry, as a whole, in New York alone was put at about \$1,232,000 a day.—Associated Press and Reuter.

Parliament Of Europe Proposal

Paris, November 28.

France will submit a proposal for a European parliament in a memorandum early this week to the five-power Western Union Conference on European unity.

The conference, which began on Friday, has decided to speed up its work by meeting tomorrow morning and afternoon, instead of waiting until Tuesday as originally planned.

The gap between the British and French views on the next steps to be taken towards a United States of Europe seems to have narrowed on points of principle after two days' discussions by the 17 delegates here.

The British memorandum tabled yesterday by Mr. Hugh Dalton, leader of the delegation, laid stress on the creation as soon as possible of a European Council of Ministers.

It was understood to include strong reservations, but to avoid outright opposition to the French plan for a European Assembly provided it is given strictly advisory powers and does not cut across existing organs, such as the organisation for European Economic Co-operation.—Reuter.

COAL RATIONS FOR BERLIN

London, November 28.

According to the Hamburg Radio, the American Military Governor, General Clay, has announced an allocation of coal for every household in the Berlin Western Sectors.

He is said to have announced that in December 28,000 tons of coal would be distributed and in January 75,000 tons.—Reuter.

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time. You sign the agreement and I assure you on my honour as a soldier that I will do everything humanly possible to see that the general arrangements between us are carried out on the co-operative basis that my governments intend, just as we are doing in North Africa. As long as I am kept in my present position by my two governments, I can assure you that the spirit of our agreement will never be violated by the Allies.

Without another word he walked over to my desk and, while the chatter was still going on in other parts of the room, sat down and affixed his name to the agreement. As soon as he had signed I said to him: "Governor, when can our planes start using the airfield at Dakar?" He looked at me and instantly replied in French, "But now." In his further remarks Bolson emphasized the importance he placed on my pledge as a soldier to avoid unnecessary disturbances of French institutions in West Africa and to assist in the task of reorganising a French army to participate in the war on our side. It was easy to over-simplify the French problem as it then existed. Only patience and persistence could bring us valuable and eventually democratic allies. On the other hand, violence and disregard of the sense of humiliation felt by the French would have produced nothing but discord and a fair charge that we were Nazis.

Therefore, because of the power of our own arms and the acceptance of a temporary French administration in North Africa, all fighting in the entire area, West of Algiers inclusive, had ceased by November 12.

In the Eastern sector, Tunisia it was different.

Chapter 7.
WINTER
IN ALGIERS

THE MINIMUM OBJECTIVE OF THE NORTH AFRICAN invasion was to seize the main ports between Casablanca and Algiers, denying their use to the Axis as bases for submarines, and from them to operate Eastward toward the British desert forces. The successful action of the first few days assured attainment of the minimum object and we immediately turned our attention to the greater mission assigned us of co-operating with General Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander's forces, then 1200 miles away at the opposite end of the Mediterranean. Between us, we would destroy all Axis forces in North Africa and reopen the sea for the use of Allied shipping.

On October 23, in Egypt, General Alexander had launched the British Eighth Army, under General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, in an assault on the enemy lines at El Alamein, and in less than two weeks the enemy was in headlong flight to the Westward, hotly pursued by the victorious British. Obviously, if we could push forward to the Axis line of communications we could assure that the brilliant tactical victory of the Eighth Army would result in even greater strategic gain.

British air and sea forces based on Egypt and Malta denied the Axis any practicable and dependable line of communications crossing the Mediterranean East of Tripoli.

Our own position, occupying French North Africa West of Tunis, imposed a Western limit upon the sea areas that the Axis could use. Thus there were available to Hitler and Mussolini only the ports lying between Bone in

Tunisia and Tripoli in North West Libya, from which to support Rommel. Every advance by the Allies from either flank would tend to squeeze the Axis channel of supplies and with continuation of this process eventual strangulation would result.

The air power of the Axis in Sicily, Pantelleria, and Southern Italy was still so strong as to preclude the possibility of Allied naval advance into that region; final success in cutting the Axis communications would demand land advance, with continuous build-up of forward air bases and air power.

By far the most important of the African ports then available to the Axis were Bizerte and Tunis, with the secondary ones of Sfax and Gabes lying farther to the Southward. Tripoli itself, while a good enough port, required Axis vessels to pass almost under the guns of Malta, where the British air forces were growing sufficiently strong to inflict severe loss. Obviously, if the ports of T. and Bizerte could be taken quickly further reinforcements of the Axis armies in Africa would be almost impossible and their destruction would be expedited.

Our main strategic purpose was, therefore, the speedy capture of Northern Tunisia. This guided every move we made—military, economic, political. Through success and disappointment, through every incident and accident, through every difficulty that habitually dogs the footsteps of soldiers in the field, this single objective was constantly held before all eyes, in the certainty that its attainment would constitute the end of the Axis in Africa.

The first move was made in mid-November while we were still in Algiers urging Darlan to order the French to cease fighting our troops and to co-operate with us. General Anderson's plan had to be based upon speed and boldness rather than upon numbers.

The second difficulty was our great shortage in motor equipment, which was rendered all the more serious because of the very poor quality of the single-line railway running Eastward from Algiers to Tunis, a distance as great as from New York to Cleveland.

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HOPE FOR CHINA?

A stir has already been caused in the United States by Madame Chiang Kai-shek's expected arrival in Washington tomorrow. Two campaigns—one by a radio station and another by a religious organisation—have begun to arouse the public regarding further aid to China, with a view to exerting pressure on President and Congress.

Money, munitions and food-stuffs may indeed be allocated to Nanking, but experienced observers agree that such help is only a stopgap; that it can only slow down the inevitable retreat Southward. Few, however, have dared voice what appears to be the only solution—that American commanders and staffs must be sent to control Nationalist operations and distribute material aid. Behind these there should be a nucleus of U.S. troops and air forces. To those who declare that such a move would be regarded by Russia as an act of war, one can only point to American military aid to Greece, which has elicited no more than protests in the United Nations. The bitter fact is that failure to do this will almost certainly mean Communist domination of the entire Far East.

It is all too easy to see from recent events what is bound to happen in the future. According to reports, in February 1947 the Nationalists had 300 divisions, or almost 5,000,000 men, of which 39 divisions were American equipped. They also had a considerable air force, which has lamentably failed to make its power felt. At the same time the Communists had an estimated 500,000 men, mainly equipped with Japanese arms. They were weak in artillery and armour, and they had—and still have—no air force worthy of the name. How, then did they manage to reverse the military situation and effect such vast gains? They seized the initiative and held it, were audacious to a degree, and pursued an unflinching strategy of offence.

They set out to destroy the railway and road systems, together with the industrial potential of every town which fell into their hands and the output of every mine, to create the economic ruin and misery which are their desired media.

The Nationalists were forced to defence and dispersal on a vast scale. On their rare offensives they moved at an objective at a snail's pace, averaging perhaps two miles a day against the Communists' 20. Naturally they have achieved in the long run less than nothing. Indeed, the enemy claims to have inflicted a monthly loss of 60,000 to 80,000 on the Nationalists, attributable mainly to desertion.

Even the holding of South China for any length of time is a doubtful matter. There have been peasant risings already in a number of provinces below the Yangtze, and Communist guerrillas are active almost everywhere. What with inflation, food riots and a corrupt administration, South China cannot be regarded as a firm Nationalist base. Meanwhile, too, the Reds are free to exploit the mineral and agricultural wealth of Manchuria at their leisure, not to mention the coal of the North.

The situation is desperate

This arrangement was of course wholly different from that we had anticipated, back in London, but it was not only with respect to personalities and their influence in North Africa that our governments had miscalculated. They had believed that the French population in the region was utterly resentful of Vichy domination and would eagerly embrace as deliverers any Allied force that succeeded in overthrowing the puppet Vichy government. Of course there were many patriots, and after the Tunisian victory was assured their number increased, but in the early days of touch and go and nighty night the situation constantly transmitted to me was, "Why did you bring this war to us? We were satisfied before you came to get us all killed." In his final dispatch, written after the completion of the campaign, General Anderson had said about the early attitude of the inhabitants:

Many mayors, station and post-masters and other key officials with whom we had dealings as we advanced (for instance, the civil telephone wires, at first, my chief means of communicating with my forward units and with Allied Force Headquarters) were taken over in their sympathies and hesitant to commit themselves openly, while a few were hostile. I can safely generalise by saying that at first, in the Army, the senior officers were hesitant and afraid to commit themselves, the junior officers were mainly in favour of aiding the Allies, the men would obey orders; amongst the people, the Arabs were indifferent or inclined to be hostile, the French were in our favour but apathetic, the civil authorities were antagonistic as a whole. The resulting impression on my mind was not one of much confidence as to the safety of my small isolated force should I suffer a severe setback.

This was a far cry from the governmental hope that the people of North Africa would, upon our entry, blaze into spontaneous revolt against control by Nazi-dominated Vichy.

Through Darlan's assumption of the French administration post in North Africa and his influence in French West Africa, the great centre of Dakar soon fell to Allied hands. The governor of that

section was Pierre Bolson, an old soldier who had lost a leg and his hearing in the first World War and who was obviously honest in his hatred of everything German. He had a fanatical devotion to France and conceived his single duty to be the preservation of French West Africa for the French Empire. He had earlier in the year driven off from the shores of Dakar an attempted invasion by British and Free French forces and announced that he would fight anyone who might challenge his sphere of responsibility. However, with the invasion of Southern France by the Germans, he announced himself ready to take military orders from me, through Admiral Darlan, but from no one else.

Because Dakar was not then within the territorial limits of my theatre, where I was busy enough with my own problems of fighting the press of both Britain and America was seriously disturbed by the military arrangements I had made with Darlan. I reminded my superiors that I had no responsibility to secure Bolson's adherence to the general capitulation and would take no part in the local government's arrangements. They will expect the co-operation from you that they would from any other friendly region, and this will interfere the prompt release of any of our citizens who may now be interned in your area. They will attempt to stop whatever propaganda may be directed against you and your regime and they will unquestionably use their good offices to get other co-operating organisations, including the Free French forces under General de Gaulle, likewise to cease such practices. However, they obviously cannot give General de Gaulle orders in this matter. We want to use the air routes through your area and we want these things quickly. It would take weeks to get every one of these little details ironed out, and we cannot waste time.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

Truman: The Wonder Man

This week from
a motor-trip to find
out what people
outside New York
are thinking

In him is limitless and touching. The President cared to climb into a plane to go to see Stalin to try to bring about a settlement the people would cheer.

There's much more peace talk at the drug-store counters, in the bars and grills and grocery stores than there was before the election.

I've found almost no Isolationist feeling wherever I've been. There isn't even mild debate any more about whether the United States should thrust itself deep into world affairs. This is accepted as inevitable, proper, and something of an honour.

No more wrangles

I can tell you this: The wrangle which preceded the Marshall Plan, the long tussles which Roosevelt had to engage in to swing Lend-Lease and all aid short of war, will not occur again. If President Truman asks for renewal of Lend-Lease from his new Congress, he will get it. The people support it.

If President Truman calls for a North Atlantic Alliance—some-

thing unprecedented in American history—he will get it. If there is any anti-British feeling left, I did not come across it in Trenton, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Washington, which I left yesterday.

The capital, which is really an enormous Whitehall and Westminster, is, of course, talking politics. It is acutely conscious of its lack of confidence in Truman's ability to continue to maintain residence there, and is trying to make amends.

Another tour

Incidentally, our new Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, is doing exceedingly well there. He tells me he plans a tour of the various States. I hope he enjoys it as much as I am enjoying mine.

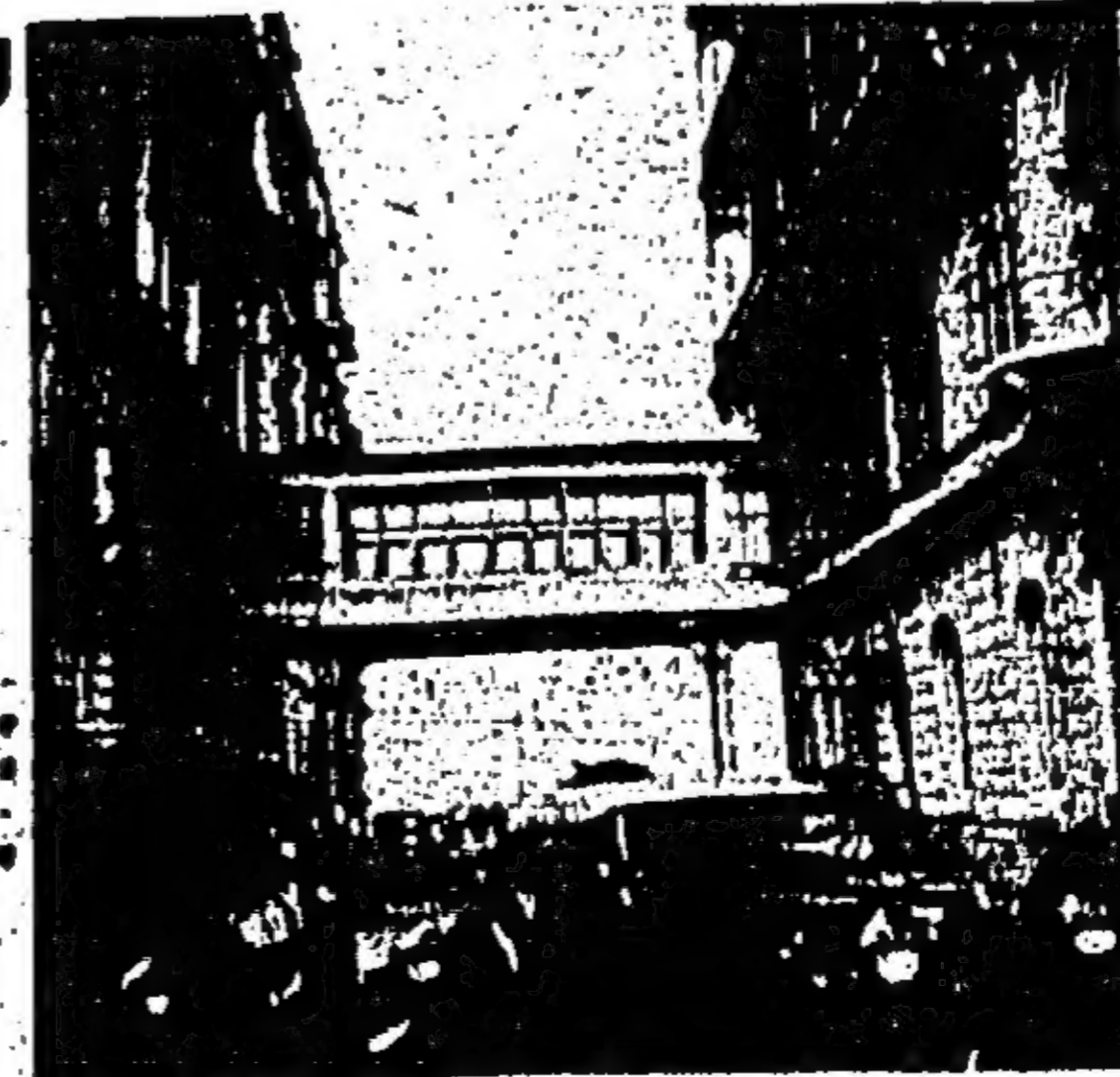
The rest of the round-up is limited by space. Excitement over the royal birth—"It's a boy!" screamed the American headlines—has topped the fever chart. I haven't seen American women so flustered and frantic about any British event since the wedding of Elizabeth and Philip. It is tangible evidence of American affection towards us.

Latest fashion edict for women: It's your duty to be a beauty asleep as well as awake. They say the best way to hold a woman is often.

Footnote: America, rejoicing over the royal birth, prays that the Prince will be crowned with peace.

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Can you recognize the picture was taken? The answer is in Page Seven.



The wonder man

If Harry Truman doesn't take that successfully and reduce the cost of living, then his mammoth popularity will vanish as quickly as it came. Truman currently is a wonder man, and the faith of the people

and demands—if not desperate measures, at least bold ones. Madame Chiang's visit will therefore be watched by the world, and the Far East in particular, with the keenest interest.

MADAME CHIANG'S MISSION

Official Washington Still Sceptical

Change In U.S. Policy On Spain?

Madrid, November 28. The United States would change its policy towards Spain, the leader of the seven American Congressmen now visiting Madrid, Representative Dewey Short (Republican, Missouri) predicted today in a statement to Reuters.

Mr. Short declared "High military, naval, and government authorities in the United States feel we should co-operate more with Spain."

"We have given Spain economic and military assistance, but this should not be done unconditionally."

"We very much favour helping Spain, and we shall certainly recommend Congress to do so."

Mr. Short went on "We hope Spain gets into the United Nations and we think we should certainly send an Ambassador here."

"If we helped Spain, such help would not merely be generosity or philanthropy—we would be helping ourselves."

"There is certainly too much propaganda, misrepresentation and distortion concerning this country."

Four of the Congressmen are Republicans and three Democrats.

REVELATION OF A WARTIME SECRET

San Francisco, November 29. The Congress of Industrial Organizations, a group of American labour unions, dipped into its National Treasury during the war to help finance the underground abroad and sabotage of enemy railroads, mines and factories.

The CIO worked with the U.S. Office of Special Services to contact trade unions in

Influence On U.S. Public Opinion

Washington, November 28. The success of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's mission to the United States appears to hinge primarily on public and Congressional reaction rather than any quick switch in the Administration's cool regard for the present Nationalist Government.

Madame Chiang left Shanghai today and is expected in Washington on Wednesday. She is accompanied by General S. M. Chu, former director of the Chinese Mission to Japan, and K. W. Yu, Chiang's secretary.

American policy-makers let it be known in advance that the first lady of China will have a hard job in convincing them that the United States should become deeply involved in China's civil war.

But the big question mark attached to her surprise mission was admitted in official quarters to be the influence she may wield on the Congress and United States public opinion.

There is some official apprehension here that Madame Chiang's visit will result in public clamour for the administration to do something about China without heed to possible consequences.

An American official doubted the wisdom of all-out aid to Chiang's government because:

A Puzzle

1. Such a move might be accepted as a challenge by Russia. On top of the Communist success in Manchuria and North China, Moscow is regarded as being in a better position to channel aid to the rebel forces than the United States is to help Chiang.

2. The magnitude of what is frequently referred to as the Chinese puzzle is staggering in the view of many officials. They express doubts that large-scale military and economic aid could prop up the Nationalist regime for one year, let alone five.

3. The Nationalist Government has been unable to install an effective system of control in its own territory. This is viewed as the official view here to poor leadership, inefficiency and corruption on the Nationalist side.

4. A large-scale commitment in China would have a good chance of failing and it might also jeopardise the United States efforts to shore up Western Europe against Communism.

These and other factors have served to delay a decision by President Truman and the Secretary of State, George Marshall, on the Chinese problem.

Both are understood reliably to be opposed to Madame Chiang's personal appeal for help.

Before Congress

Upon her arrival, Madame Chiang is expected to receive invitations to testify on China's needs before Congressional committees or a joint meeting at the Capitol.

There are no immediate legislative steps that could be taken but her pleas could influence action early in the new Congress in January.

Madame Chiang's eloquence, charm and persuasiveness were demonstrated on February 19, 1943 when she addressed a joint session of Congress to appeal for wartime aid for China.

Then, as now, the United States had adopted a policy of priority in Europe—an approach which she vigorously protested then as now.

Pending more information from Nanking on her mission, no plans have been made to receive her officially at the White House or State Department.

Chinese Embassy officials said they expected her visit to be very short because of the critical situation in China.

Sun Fo's Idea

She is expected to urge, in a first statement, American support of the Nationalist cause, more active participation by American officers in war strategy and immediate increase in aid over the \$125,000,000 military and the \$275,000,000 economic aid programmes. These points would augment the appeal of Chiang made to President Truman.

The suggestion by China's new Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, that an American commander be dispatched to China to advise the Nationalist forces, met with little response in official quarters.

Top flight defence and diplomatic officials feel that American advice offered thus far in China has been almost completely disregarded.

Senator Arthur Capper said today that the United States seems pretty well on its way out of the Asiatic mainland as a result of the Chinese civil war.

But, he said in his weekly broadcast, the United States still holds Japan and the Philippines, springboards from which to launch military operations in the Far East, if that becomes necessary.

Pointer To The Future

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King Still At The Palace

London, November 28. King George remained at the Palace while Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret attended morning service today at St. Michael's Church near Buckingham Palace.

This was the third consecutive week-end spent by the Royal Family in London instead of going to Royal Lodge, Windsor, as was their custom before the illness of the King, who is suffering from an obstruction to the circulation in the right leg—Reuter.

will operate when they have disposed of Chiang Kai-shek."

Referring to the now settled East and West Coast dock strikes, Senator Capper said, "There is nothing to indicate that there is more than coincidence in the timing of these strikes."

But he added that the West Coast walk-out just happened to coincide with the Chinese Communist main drive against the Nationalist troops, while the East Coast strike delayed relief shipments to Western Europe by three weeks.

"The combination of events is an indication of what could happen if and when a World War III comes, with the United States and Russia as the principal contestants in the struggle for world supremacy,"—United Press.

The Yangtze

3. The opening of the Yangtze River to American ships carrying relief supplies. This would give full legal right to United States warships to patrol the river from at least the mouth to Hankow to protect merchant ships.

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Neither did he say they would be granted.

The United Press also has been told that one of the angles of China aid occupying Washington minds is not so much whether the United States is willing to help China further against Communism whether the United States financial structure can withstand the billion dollar blows that would rain down on the Treasury if enough help to do any good is made available.

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REPORTED CONDITIONS OF U.S. AID TO CHINA

Shanghai, November 29. Major conditions upon which continued United States aids to China would be granted have been laid before President Chiang Kai-shek. The conditions are stated to be in three categories:

1. Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. Sun Fo must form a Cabinet strong enough to weather the current crisis in the civil war and one which would give assurance to Washington that China would support or follow the American foreign policy, especially with regard to Russia and other Communist countries.

2. Guarantees must be given by the Chinese Government that corruption and inefficiency in the military will be eliminated and that American technical or strategic advice given to the Chinese military will be followed—not ignored. The military must be reorganised so that orders issued at the top in the fullest sincere compliance with United States suggestions will be carried out all along the line and not discarded or ignored by field officers.

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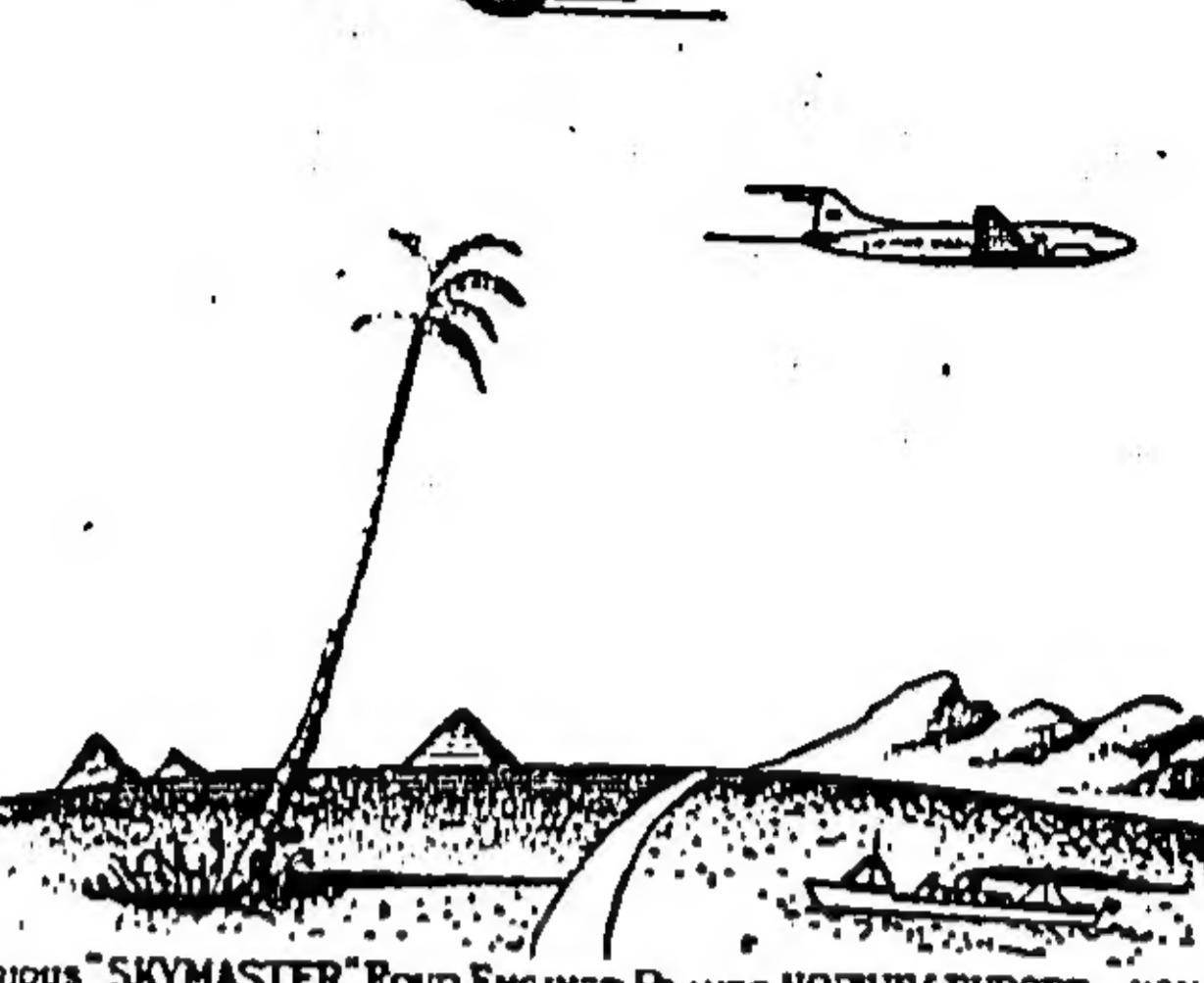
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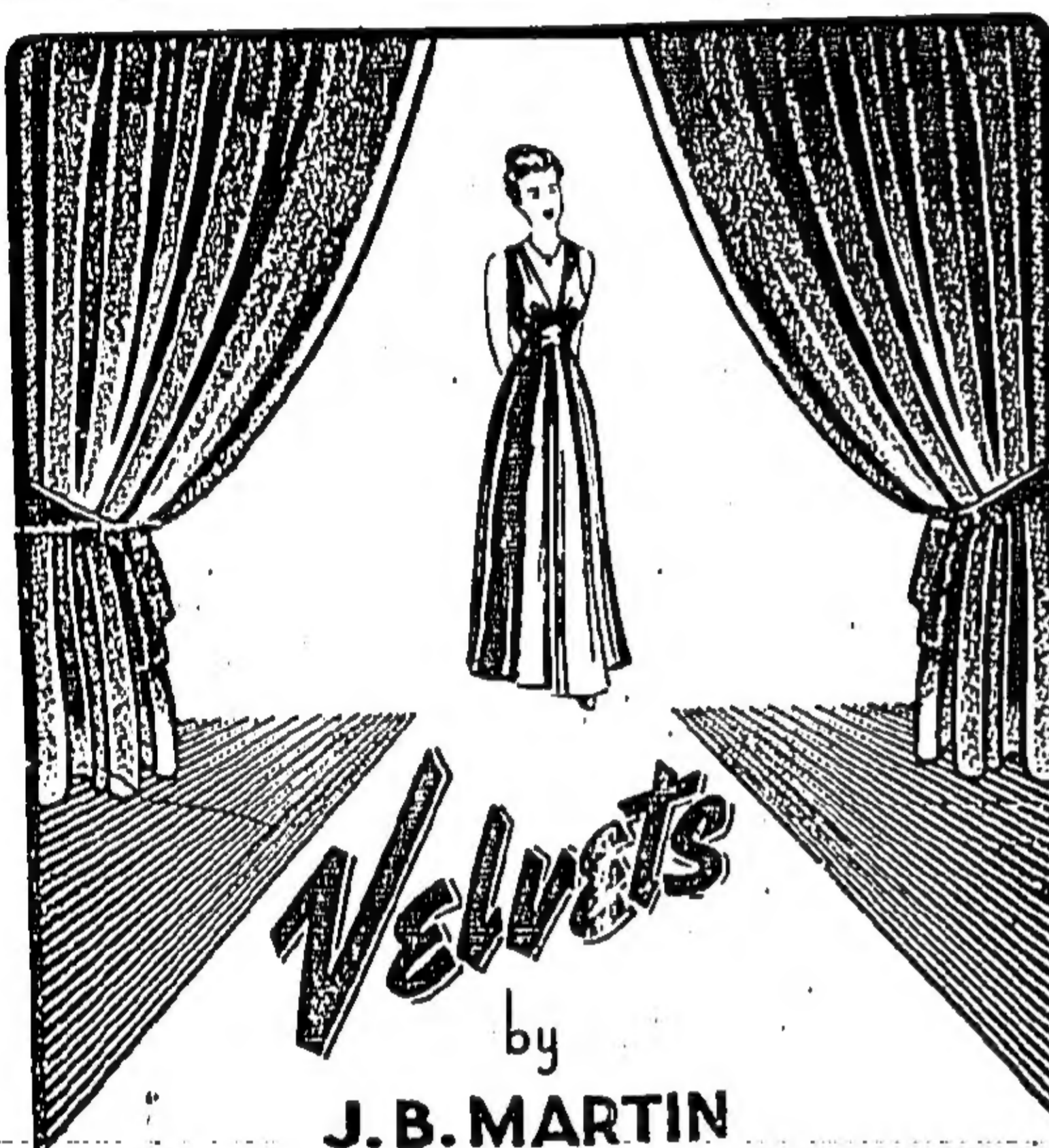
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WHITE BLACK-OUT IN WESTERN EUROPE

London, November 28.

Two were killed and eight others injured as a result of a "white black-out" today. Fog blanketed the British Isles and hovered over Europe as far East as Poland, and from the Scandinavian peninsula Southward to the Po River valley.

British Policy On Palestine

London, November 28. Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, who flew to London from Paris on Saturday, discussed Britain's policy towards Palestine with officials of the Foreign Office during the week-end.

Mr. McNeil attended a session of the United Nations Political Committee on Friday at which the United States delegate, Dr. Philip Jessup, urged that Britain should drop from her Palestine resolution any specific support for the Bannantine Plan and should base it on the Assembly's partition resolution of November 1947.

Dr. Jessup's suggestion, which would make Jewish and not Arab possession of the Negev the starting point of any future negotiations, runs counter to Mr. Bevin's statement of policy in Parliament on September 21.

Mr. McNeil is returning to Paris tomorrow for the General Assembly debate on the future of Italy's former colonies. Mr. Bevin is still on holiday on the South Coast and is not expected to take up his work at the Foreign Office again until Monday, December 13. But it is likely he will return to London during this week and may make contact with some of his colleagues.

ENVOY RESIGNS

Paris, November 28. Senator Juan Crespo, the Venezuelan Ambassador to France, has telegraphed to the new Government just formed in Venezuela after last week-end's Army coup resigning his post and stating that his decision is irrevocable. This was stated today by a member of the Ambassador's staff.

He has handed over to Senator Eduardo Marturel, Counsellor of the Embassy. Senator Andres Eloy Blanco, former Venezuelan Foreign Minister and head of the Venezuelan delegation to the United Nations, who was due to leave for Caracas today, has decided in view of the events which brought about the change of Government to remain in Paris for the present.—Reuter.

The thick chilling mist lay heaviest over Britain. There was not a whisper of wind to blow the fog away.

Air Ministry officials said the dense white curtain was drifting slowly toward Russia and it might be several days before some Europeans would be able to see the sky. Cold Russian winds were expected to disperse the fog as fast as it reaches the Soviet frontier.

Spain, Portugal and Southern France were not affected and there were scattered holes in the fog blanket in other areas, but portions of nearly every Continental country were covered.

The fog impeded traffic by sea, land and air.

Not a single aircraft plane has landed at Gatow Airport, Berlin, since just after midnight on Saturday, a Royal Air Force officer said this evening. At Tempelhof airport, however, planes were landing at 10-minute intervals with the aid of radar.

Below Zero

At the Paris airports of Le Bourget and Orly, traffic was suspended all morning. It resumed for regular passenger lines at Le Bourget at noon and at Orly a little later.

Suburban and express trains in France were delayed by the fog. Several street accidents were reported in Paris. A lorry fell into the Seine but its two occupants were saved. Temperatures down to nine degrees below zero Centigrade were reported at Reims.

At Lyons, a motor coach skidded on an icy road and crashed into a heavy lorry. A passenger in the coach was thrown out and killed.

Worst In Years

The National Weather Office at Paris today predicted that the fog and cold weather would continue.

The worst fog in years blotted out most of England to-night, disrupting air, rail and road traffic. Train services were being delayed as long as 80 minutes. Road traffic was almost at a standstill. Air traffic between Britain and the Continent was at a standstill because fog enveloped all the airports in the London area. At London Airport, visibility was down to 100 yards.—United Press and Reuter.

Cease Fire Negotiations In Jerusalem

Haifa, November 28.

Direct Jewish-Arab negotiations to ensure a complete and effective cease fire in Jerusalem began in the Holy City yesterday, a United Nations spokesman said here today.

The Arab commander in the Old City, Lieutenant General Abdulhadi Tel, met the Israeli commander, Colonel Moshe Dayan, in the neutralized zone at Government House today in the presence of United Nations observers and Truce Commissioners.

The United Nations spokesman said: "Excellent progress was made and it is expected that a cease fire agreement for the entire Jerusalem area will be reached in the near future."—Reuter.

Greek Premier Better

Athens, November 29.

By making an important improvement last night, Themistocles Sophoulis, 88-year-old Greek Premier, again surprised his five doctors who had abandoned hope for his life more than 40 hours before.

A bulletin said that his general situation is much better. One doctor said earlier that he may escape death.

Archbishop Damaskinos called on Sophoulis on Sunday. The aged Premier thanked him for allowing the reputed miracle-working icon of St. Gregorissa to be brought to his bedside on Saturday.

His condition has steadily improved since he saw the icon.

Doctors have been careful to point out, however, that no assurances can be given for two or three days.

It was officially announced that the Foreign Minister, Constantinos Tsaldaris, accompanied by Dr. Dangeliot, a French heart specialist, was returning to Athens from Paris by plane today.—Associated Press.

Danger Of War Has Been Greatly Reduced--Dulles

Paris, November 29.

Mr. John Foster Dulles (United States) today said that the danger of war getting started on miscalculation has been greatly reduced. He also declared that the United Nations was within reach of final settlement on Palestine and it may still achieve a solution of the tense East-West dispute over Berlin.

The American diplomat said the UN Assembly had now made it clear to all men in power that any nation that launched an attack would find itself at once opposed by most of the world. This Assembly meeting, he said, had really increased the chances of peace.

In a radio interview reviewing the activities of the current Assembly session, Mr. Dulles said the risk of miscalculation was the most serious threat to world peace. The willingness of most of the world to oppose aggression, he said, left no further cause for hope by Kalkara or Hitler that nations can be conquered one by one.

"Once this logical basis for sound calculation is understood—as I believe it is rather generally—the danger of war getting started in miscalculation is greatly reduced."

It was because the current General Assembly had demonstrated solidarity against aggression that the work of United Nations diplomats had really increased the chances of peace, he said.

Free Israel

On Palestine, Mr. Dulles said the General Assembly seemed likely to adopt a resolution affirming the Jews' right to land awarded them under the Assembly partition plan approved one year ago today.

"I believe it will be a settlement within the framework of United States policy," said Mr. Dulles.

"This means a free and independent Israel whose boundaries shall be those set forth in the General Assembly resolution of November 29, 1947, unless through negotiation appropriate changes are made."

Mr. Dulles asserted that the wide gap between United States and British policy on the Holy Land had been steadily narrowed and since it was this divergence which had blocked earlier

solution, a settlement now seemed within reach. The statement made it clear, however, that the Americans were sticking to their stand against Britain's move for all-out endorsement of a resolution designed to make Israel give up all or part of the Negev desert for Western Galilee.

American policy is that the Jews, who want to keep Western Galilee and still hold on to the Negev, should negotiate with the Arabs for any territory they want outside that awarded to them under the original partition plan.

Still Hopeful

In Berlin's case, Mr. Dulles reaffirmed the Western powers' insistence that Russia must lift the blockade before there are any other negotiations on Berlin or the German problem as a whole.

At luncheon on Sunday with Dr. Brammulla he repeated the United States' willingness to operate quickly in efforts of the Security Council chairman and five other neutral delegates to find a solution, he said.

"But we cannot overlook the fact that almost daily the Soviet authorities take new steps toward splitting Berlin in two. Such action, of course, makes the operation of any four-power agreements far more difficult."

"Nevertheless, we still believe the Berlin issue may be settled. The Security Council may yet find a way to bring the Soviet Government to end its efforts to get political and economic control of all Berlin."—United Press.

UN DELEGATES IN SYRIA

Damascus, November 28.

Four hundred delegates to the third annual conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation came today to the Syrian capital from their meeting place in Beirut and lunch with the President and members of the Syrian Government.

The French delegation gave a dinner in honour of M. Georges Bidault, its chief delegate, followed by a reception to which Syrian Government personalities were invited.

Asked whether he thought the United Nations could arrive at a solution for the Palestine problem, M. Bidault answered: "The problem is difficult but I have not lost hope—that the United Nations may find a peaceful solution."

M. Bidault is to meet the Syrian President, Shukri Bey El Kounti, tomorrow.—Reuter.

Victory Is Celebrated

Melbourne, November 28.

Five thousand workers attended a rally on the banks of the River Yarra in Melbourne today to celebrate a victory in their dispute with the Government of the State of Victoria.

The Victorian Government announced on Friday that it had agreed to adjourn its prosecution of trade union officials and workers who took part in a one-day strike against the Essential Services Act.

The Act prohibits strikes in essential services, except after a secret ballot.

Speakers at today's rally demanded that the leaders of labour should organise for the repeal of the measure.—Reuter.

FLEE FROM WAR

Athens, November 28.

More than 127,000 civilians have fled to Epirus from the guerrilla fighting areas and the number continues to increase, the Athens news agency said tonight.—Reuter.

Split In Church Alleged By Reds

Budapest, November 28.

The Hungarian press reported today that a major split had developed in the Hungarian Catholic Church over the policy of Cardinal Josef Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary and an outspoken opponent of the present regime.

Bishop Andrea Hamvas of Csanad, whose diocese is one of the largest in Hungary, was reported to have banned the reading of all future pastoral letters from the Cardinal in churches under his jurisdiction.

He was also said to have expressed the hope that the Catholic Church would fulfil its duties side by side with the working masses.

These reports followed yesterday's declaration by the Deputy Premier Rakosi that Hungary's policy of tolerance towards reactionary leaders of the Hungarian Catholic Church had ended and that in future the full force

of state powers would be used against them.

Dr. Rakosi said his warning applied to all priests whether they wear the robes of an ordinary priest or those of a Cardinal.

Today's papers reported a large meeting of Catholic youth and University students in Szeged, the second city of Hungary, to protest against the Primate's policy.

The arrest of several minor priests for reactionary and anti-democratic activity was also reported today.

The Evangelical Church is to call a conference next week to draw up an agreement with the Government.—Reuter.



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During the last four months, more than 400 complete engines have been flown out of this station, the central servicing unit of the RAF Transport Command, and weekly flights in response to SOS calls for spares, average 15 to Germany and 50 to United Kingdom stations.

Everything connected with the Berlin operations is on top priority here. If an urgent telegraphic message from Germany is received in the morning requesting a new engine, the replacement is at the German base in the afternoon.

Honington handles each month about 125 engines, 600 wheel assemblies, 15,000 spark-plugs and at least 1,000 instruments in its feed service.

This represents 400 and 500 tons of engines and other spares for York, Hastings and Dakota aircraft.—Reuter.

Liner Gets Away To New York

London, November 28.

The Cunard White Star liner, Parthia, left Liverpool today as the first ship to sail from England to New York in the 18 days of the American dock strike.

Two other obstacles, fog and a stevedores' stoppage at Southampton, however, threaten the resumption of normal British shipping activity.

If the Queen Elizabeth continues to be fog-bound at Southampton tomorrow, the Wednesday morning sailing of her sister ship, the Queen Mary, already delayed a week, may have to be postponed to enable the Queen Elizabeth to turn around at New York.

A telephone call to Paris today held back a boat train which was to have taken a large number of the Queen Elizabeth's remaining 600 passengers from the French capital to Cherbourg.

The stevedores' strike at Southampton threatens to delay sailings of other ships later in the week.—Reuter.



CONFIDENCE RETURNS TO CITY OF HSUCHOW

(By William Parrott)

CHINESE COMMUNIST CLAIMS

San Francisco, November 29. The Chinese Communists reported today that they had destroyed the Government's entire 76th Army near Chengcheng in the North Western province of Sian.

A broadcast from the North Sian radio said 10,000 Nationalist troops, including Army Commander Li Jih-chi, were captured. The broadcast gave no other details.

A full army would total about 60,000 men if at normal strength. The Sian front has long been relatively quiet with no reports from either side.

SWEDEN KILLED IN INDIA

Karachi, November 28. The name of the Swedish passenger killed when a PAK Airways Dakota crashed on a flight from Karachi to Lahore last Friday was given today as Sigurd Skold, of Stockholm. Mr. Skold, who was travelling to Lahore on business, was a representative of the Karachi branch of the Swedish-Western India Match Company.

The plane crashed at Vihari, South West of Lahore. All 16 passengers and crew of five were killed. The victims were buried at the scene of the crash in 12 graves. The crash is believed to have been caused by engine trouble.

Eye witnesses said the plane burst into flames after circling in an apparent attempt to land.

—Reuter.

"SCORCHED EARTH" AT CHINWANGTAO

Tientsin, November 29.

Chinwangtao's elaborate breakwater and harbour port installations have been demolished by shelling from Nationalist warships.

This was revealed today on the arrival of evacuating Sino-British Kailan Mining Administration staff members.

The action was considered necessary with the Government's decision to abandon the port.

The Communists were reported today to be preparing to repair the Peking-Mukden railway in West Manchuria, outside the Great Wall, following the Nationalist withdrawal from the Great Wall pass of Shanhaikuan and Chinwangtao.

Between Shanhaikuan and Chinwangtao, the railway is believed to be intact, but below Changli, 40 miles South West of Shanhaikuan, to the Lan River, the tracks were removed some

Spirits have risen and tension has relaxed in this Northern Kiangsu city in the past 10 days since the Nationalists withstood and turned back the immediate Communist threat of occupation.

Now the city's life is proceeding quietly if not normally, although in every mind there is the question whether and when another Communist assault will come.

Siege is not new to Hsuehchow for through the centuries of Chinese history it has been a military key-point.

Its strategic importance in the modern sense has been added to in this century by its position as the junction of two important trunk railways—North and South from Tientsin to Peking (Nanking) and East and West along the Lunghai line from the coast to the interior.

A town of handicrafts rather than industrial production, Hsuehchow has a normal population of about 250,000. What it has now, with the enormous influx of refugees from Shantung and Honan Provinces, is uncertain, but European residents estimate the total around 800,000.

Added to this is the vast number of Nationalist troops, which may bring the figure to the region of 1,000,000. Because it was only recently that the Communists cut the railway to the South, supplies of commodities still appear plentiful.

Food, clothing and other goods all show windfalls and street stalls and prices after the recent Communist seizure are now falling, although still higher than in Nanking and Shanghai.

Citizens Confident

Residents here believe the city can hold out several months especially if the rim of the Communist encirclement in the neighbouring farmlands can be widened.

Even so, these areas cannot be relied upon to provide much food reserves after the concentrated occupation of hundreds of thousands of men of the warring armies.

urgent needs on the airfield, to which the Communists recently penetrated within three miles and actually landed shells within its perimeter.

Japan Ship Walk-Out

Tokyo, November 29.

Japan had her own brief maritime strike today when the powerful all-Japan Seamen's Union began a 48-hour walk-out which is expected to hold up 400 ships.

The strike began at midnight. Representatives of the Union's 40,000 members said they are awaiting a Government move to meet their demands for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Although the ships directly serving occupation needs are not affected, the walk-out apparently is limited to two days to prevent direct SCAP intervention on the grounds that the country's economy is affected. The strike will affect most of the country's coastal shipping which is vital for the movement of food and raw materials to supplement the creaky railroad system.—Associated Press.

KOREAN ENVOY TO CHINA

Seoul, November 29.

The Foreign Office announced today that Dr. Chung Wun, the Republic's first Ambassador to China, would sail tomorrow from Fusan for Shanghai.

General Song Ho-sung, former commander of the Korean Army, who has been named military attaché in China, will leave next week for China.—Associated Press.

FIGHTING IN JERUSALEM

Amman, November 28.

The Jews kept up their attacks in all sectors of Jerusalem over the last 24 hours, it was officially stated in Amman today. They were said to have been repulsed with severe casualties.

The statement added that 52 rockets had been fired at the New Gate. No casualties were reported.—Reuter.

They Want To Be Alone

Vienna, November 28.

An appeal for Austria to be left alone was made by the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Karl Gruber, when he addressed a People's Party (Catholics) rally here today.

He said: "We do not interfere to say whether a democracy or a dictatorship is better for the Russian people. Let them leave us alone also to decide for ourselves what system we want."

Dr. Gruber also attacked warmongers who used rumours of war to sabotage reconstruction. He said the only people who benefit from such war rumours are the Communists and suggested that Communist agents purposely spread such rumours because the resulting war hysteria leads to deadlocks in Western industry.—Reuter.

Author's Quarrel With Producer

Paris, November 29.

Jean Paul Sartre, founder of "existentialism," threatened today to take steps through the French Embassy unless he gets a look at the American text of his play "Red Gloves."

Sartre complains that the American producers, Jed Jarris and Jean Dalmonte, will not show him the script. He said his American friends have written him that a happy ending has been added to what he wrote as a tragedy.

"The contract," Sartre said in an interview, "specified that there were to be no changes. If they make any now, the least they can do is to send me a copy."

Sartre said that he does not intend to try to halt the production of the play. It has

Admiral Refuses To Say Anything

San Francisco, November 29.

Admiral William H. Standley arrived by plane from China yesterday, and declined to talk about the situation there.

He said only that he might talk over the situation informally with Government officials here.

Admiral Standley said he found very little excitement in Shanghai and Nanking and did not hear any guns going off.

"There are too many people who go to visit China for a couple of days and then come back and try to tell us what is wrong over there," he said.

The Admiral and his wife have been in the Orient on a six-week vacation. He lunched with General MacArthur in Japan and conferred with many American officials in China, he said.—Associated Press.

SOCIAL BOYCOTT BY GERMANS

Kiel, November 28.

Trade unionists and Socialists are protesting against yesterday's decision by the British Military Government to destroy a large of the former torpedo experimental station at Eckernforde, near Kiel.

The Social Democrat Party have decided to limit social relations with members of the occupation power to that which is strictly necessary and to suspend their co-operation with the German-English Club.—Reuter.

DECISIVE BATTLE FOR CENTRAL CHINA AREA

(By Roy Essoyan)

Hsuehchow, November 29.

General Tu Li-ming, acting Government commander in the Hsuehchow area, said today that a decisive battle for Central China is about to begin.

It appeared to me that a good sized battle already was in progress as I circled in a commercial plane over 100 miles of the ragged battle front.

I counted 18 villages in flames between Hsuehchow and Fengpu, 100 miles South-East. Those in ashes were too numerous to count.

Puffs of smoke from sporadic gunfire and from Nationalist B-24's dotted the countryside. Captain Gordon Smith, American pilot of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation airliner, said "The Nationalists are fighting as I have never seen them fight before."

Constant Raids

From the artillery fire I saw in five minutes flight, the view seemed optimistic. American bombers and Canadian fighters roared in and out of the airfield all day long. Their prime target was Suhsien, Communist-held railway town 45 miles to the South.

Suhsien looked abnormally quiet. Surrounding villages were on fire.

The railway leading to the Yangtze appeared to be intact. General Tu said it had been out in several places but the rails and ties had not been destroyed, so repairs should be easy.

It appeared that the Reds had not damaged the line too badly because they hoped to use it themselves some time in the future.—Associated Press.

Sentences Were Too Light

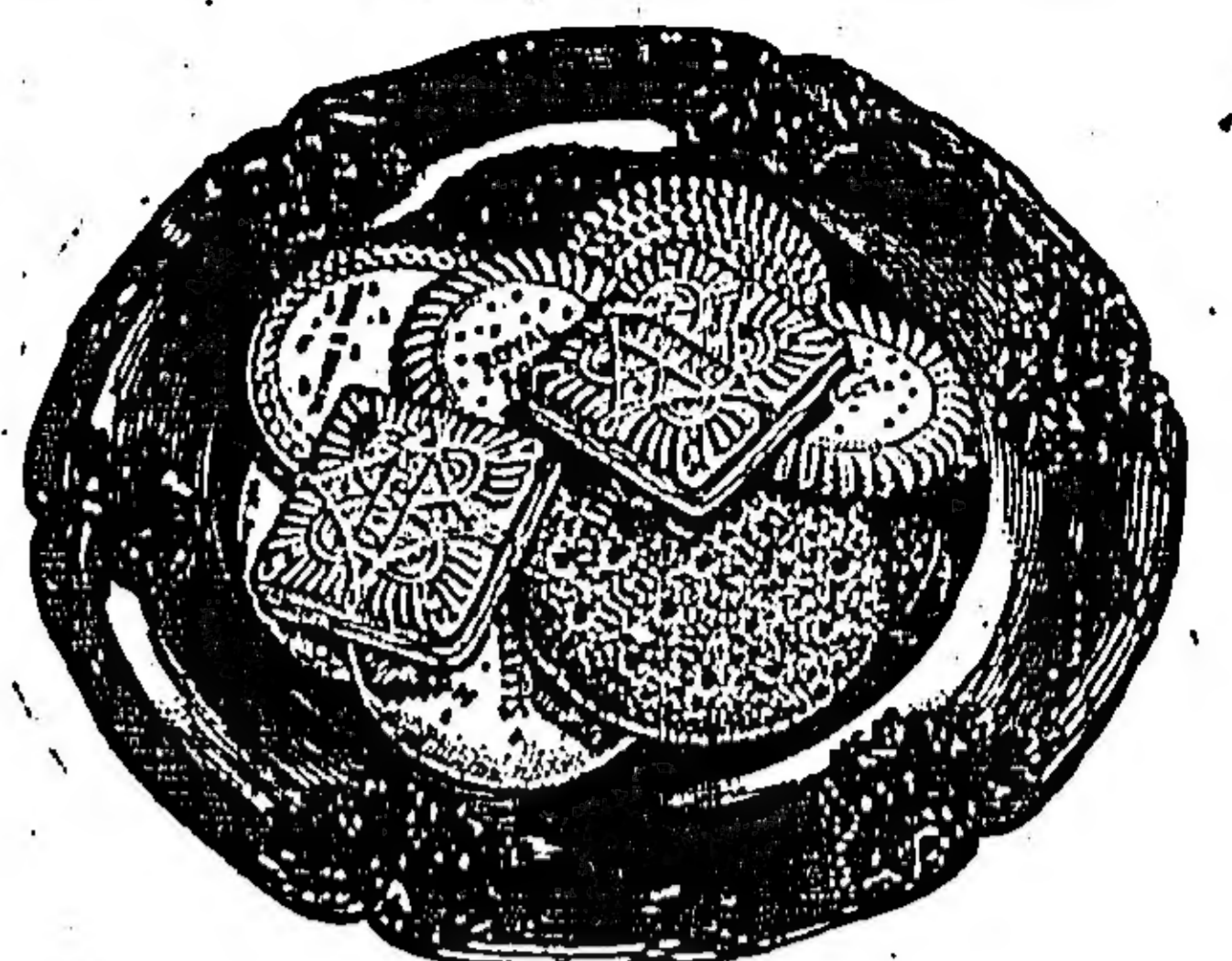
London, November 28.

The Russian press praised the results of the Tokyo war crimes trial but said some of the sentences were too light.

Moscow Radio, quoting the Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia, said the two and a half year trial had dragged too long, but ended in a verdict which will be met with satisfaction.

Izvestia described some sentences as unjustly lenient and warned that the Tokyo trial was merely the first step in punishing Japanese war criminals.—United Press.

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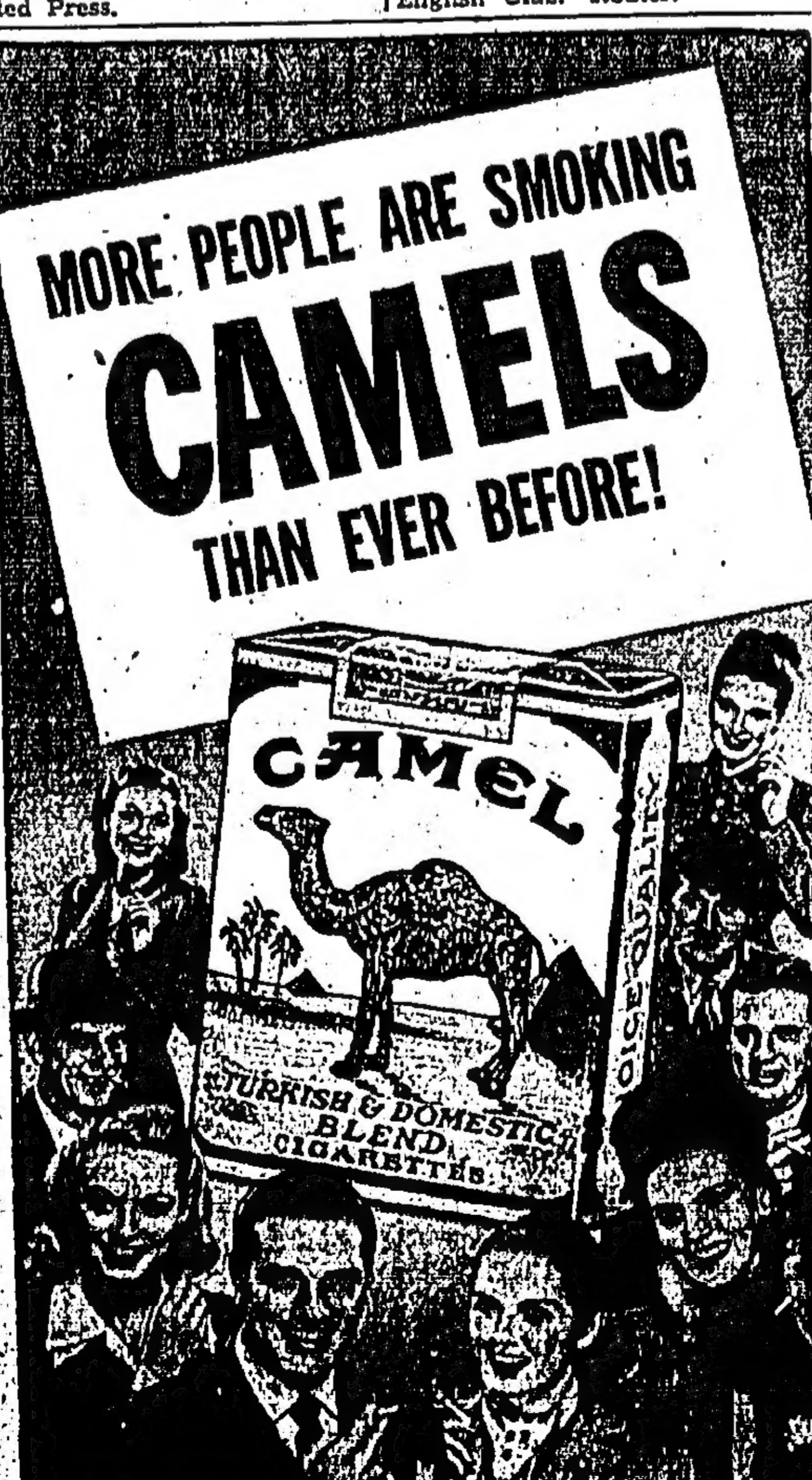
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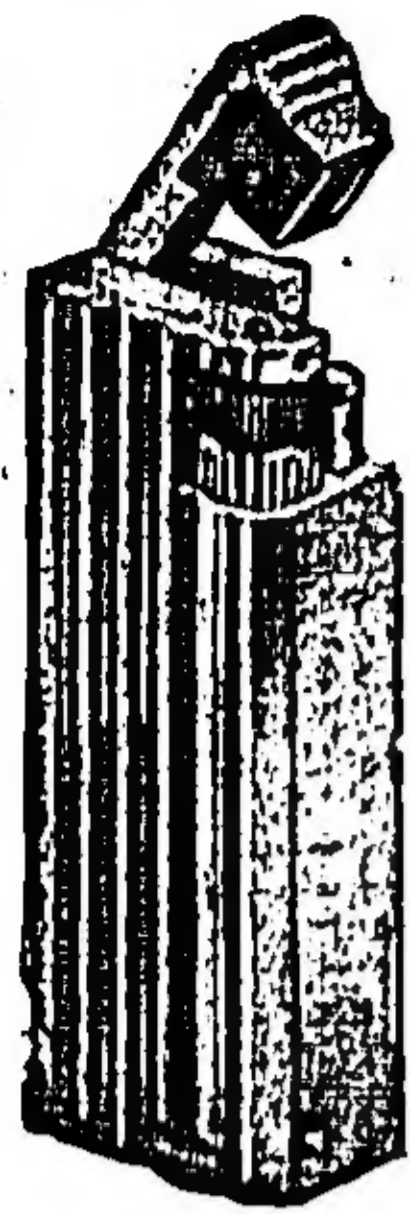
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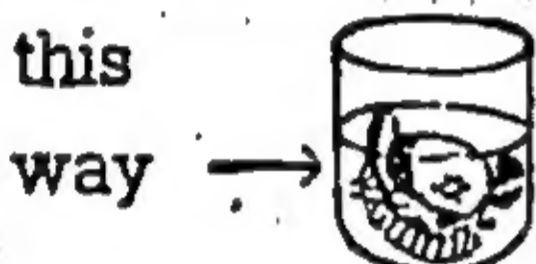


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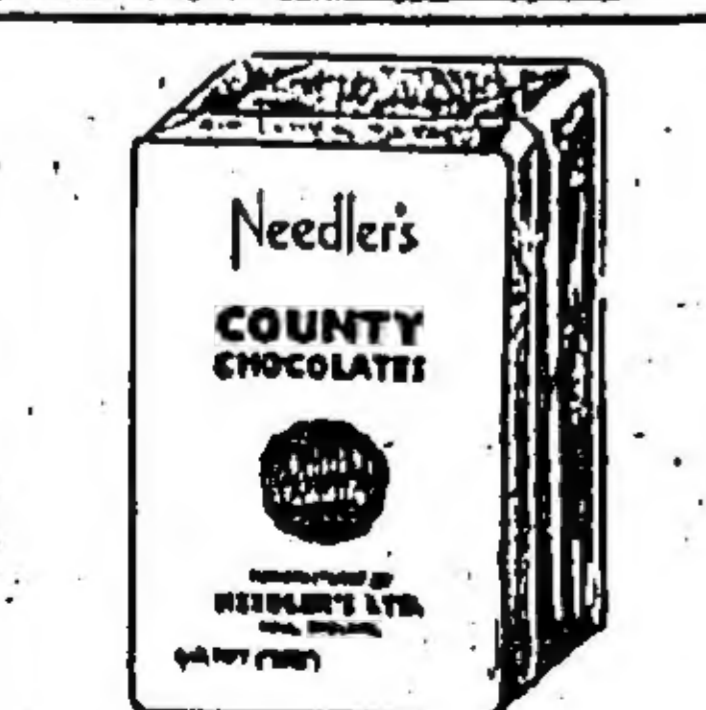
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Dr. Sun Fo Drops A Hint To U.S.

Shanghai, November 29,

The new Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, said in an interview that he believed the United States should send an outstanding military advisor to China to direct aid.

Such a man would be given whatever freedom of action he needed, he said.

Dr. Sun said that either General MacArthur or Lieutenant General Albert C. Wedemeyer would be a good choice. Dr. Sun spoke so cautiously, however, that his remarks could not be construed as an actual request for General MacArthur.

Asked if such an adviser might not run the same inertia and frustrations as the late General Joseph W. Stilwell during the Japanese war, Dr. Sun replied: "I think China learned a lesson from the Stilwell affair." Dr. Sun emphasized that the Government would not throw in the sponge to the Communists even if it had to flee from Nanking. He reiterated that big scale American aid could stop the Communists.

Biggest Job

He intended to seek an American loan to stabilize China's watered currency, he said, but had no idea how much it would be. Some estimates run from \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000, he added.

Dr. Sun was evasive of more specific plans. He said he considered his biggest job would be to tighten the unity of the government. Kuomintang Party and broaden the base of the government by adding more men of minority parties and new blood generally.

(This new blood idea failed when the United States sought to mediate the civil war two years ago.)

Appointment of Dr. Sun himself did not fit into this picture. He is an old-line party man and one of the public officials who, Chiang's critics say, has been kept in office too long.

He has a strong traditional position, however, because he is the son of the revered Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic.

A Warning

Dr. Sun called on the Shanghai public to give their wholehearted support and co-operation to the Government to enable it to overcome the present crisis.

He pledged his efforts to reform the Government by way of attaining higher administrative efficiency.

Dr. Sun Fo said the Communist rebellion was not merely a civil war but full fledged aggression.

He warned that should this aggression spread to Shanghai, the mode of living in this cosmopolitan city would be drastically changed.

It was reported that the ex-Premier, General Chang Chun, was among the many national leaders with whom Dr. Sun Fo conferred yesterday.—Associated Press and Reuter.

ROWDY POLITICS IN WEST BERLIN

Berlin, November 28.

Communist agitators invaded political meetings in the Western sectors of Berlin in force today.

They attempted to sabotage the approaching city election, and an unspecified number of them were arrested.

There was a fist fight between Socialists and Communist invaders at, at least one meeting.

The police removed 150 Communists from a meeting in the French sector and held them until the meeting was over. The invasions marked the start of active Communist opposition to the city elections, to be held on December 5, which Russia bitterly opposes.

Communists heckled speakers and interrupted meetings by singing the Red anthem, the Internationale.

The Soviet-licensed ADN news agency reported that 24 persons were seized in the American sector for distributing handbills against the election.

Three Communists were arrested at one meeting in the American sector.

A Socialist meeting in the Spandau district was broken up by people singing the Internationale.—United Press.

RADIO SHOW

London, November 29.
The 16th International Radio Exhibition (Radiolexpola) is to be held in September next year, the Radio Industry Council has announced. Queen Mary has again consented to be the Patron of the Exhibition, which was last held in 1947.—Reuter.

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Magnificent Job By Greek Army

Athens, November 28.

The head of the United States Military Mission to Greece, Lieutenant General William Van Fleet, said in a broadcast tonight that the Greek Army had achieved a magnificent job against the guerrillas since the beginning of the year, including 27,000 casualties.

Forecasting the final defeat of the guerrillas before long, General Van Fleet added that Greece's critical situation on her Northern borders would be resolved either by direct negotiations or through the United Nations.—Reuter.

Petition To The Commons

London, November 29.

A petition signed by some 50,000 citizens of Newfoundland has been presented to the House of Commons by Sir Alan Herbert, Independent Member for Oxford University.

The prayer of the petitioners is for immediate restoration of responsible government and the pledge that no negotiations be undertaken or concluded for a union with Canada other than by a fully elected Government of Newfoundland.

The petitioners say that as the July referendum showed that less than 43 per cent. voted for confederation with Canada there is insufficient evidence to justify a change in the constitution.



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Atlantic Pact Talks Starting This Week

Washington, November 28.

Diplomatic envoys of the five Western Union powers are awaiting instructions that will make possible a resumption of talks with the State Department on the proposed 50-year North Atlantic defensive pact.

The instructions are being sent by couriers instead of being cabled. This suggests that they are long and that negotiations will not get under way before the latter part of this week.

The step is about one month behind the time-table originally projected by American and European diplomats.

Officials said the delay makes it very unlikely that a treaty can be completed in time for formal submission to the Senate in January.

Authorities speculated that proposed pact cannot be prepared for ratification late in February or early in March, depending on possible further delays as disputed points arise in negotiations.

The aim of the defence arrangements is to establish a North Atlantic regional security system under a United Nations charter bringing together the United States, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg and several other strategically located countries like Iceland, Denmark and Portugal.

Draft Ready

United States, Canadian and Western European diplomats held a series of exploratory talks last summer when the broad outlines of the system were prepared.

London despatches said the European countries' draft of the proposed defence pact has been completed. There was some belief that the Europeans may present treaty clauses which require modification before they can be accepted by the United States.

The three chief points of possible dispute are foreseen as:

Firstly, The duration of the pact—London reports say the proposed pact drafted by five European countries is believed to provide for a 50-year alliance.

SUGAR OFF THE BELGIAN RATION

Brussels, November 28.

Sugar will be taken off the ration in Belgium next month. Only goods remaining on the ration will then be table oil and imported butter.—Reuter.

Trade Union Ordered To Merge

Portland, November 29.

The CIO Executive Board today ordered the left wing United Farm Equipment Workers Union to take immediate steps to merge with the United Automobile Workers.

The board's action was the first step taken as a result of convention action authorising a crackdown on small left wing unions which had been accused of failure to organize.

The CIO President, Philip Murray, announced that discussion of action against other unions has been deferred until the next Executive Board meeting at Washington on January 20. He said the decision in the farm equipment workers' case was taken by a substantial majority but no actual vote was counted.

The United Auto Workers is led by Walter Reuther, who has identified himself with the extreme right wing of the CIO. If the two unions fail to work out arrangements between themselves, a committee of three Executive Board members will submit recommendations to the board. The farm equipment union has about 42,000 members and the UAW nearly 1,000,000.—United Press.

HOUSING CRISIS

London, November 29.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, Mr. L. J. Edwards, today delegates representing 1,550 local authorities at the National and Town Planning Conference at Margate today: "It seems to me that we have emerged from the most difficult part of our post war housing."

By September 30, he said, homes had been found for 764,000 families. This figure does not include requisitioning of houses, temporary huts and service camps.—Reuter.

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UNITED NATIONS TO DISCUSS KOREA ISSUE

Paris, November 29.

The United Nations takes up this week, but does
not expect to solve, the problem of the indepen-
dence of Korea.Korea, still divided and occupied more than three
years after liberation, follows Palestine as the
next and probably last major item for this ses-
sion before the Assembly Political Commit-
tee.It stands, like Greece and
Germany, as a phase of the
world-wide struggle between
Communist and Western philo-
sophies.The situation—both in Korea
and on the world stage—has
grown steadily worse during the
long wait, since September, for
the question to come before the
UN.Observers here say they see
no chance at present, no matter
what action the UN takes, to end
what its own recently returned
temporary commission has called
the grim reality of a divided
Korea.Developments since last sum-
mer have included:

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1. Formation of a Russian-
sponsored People's Democratic
Government in Soviet-occupied
Northern Korea, rivaling the
Republic of Korea Government
elected last May in the Ameri-
can-occupied Southern half of
the country under UN auspices.2. Announcement from
Moscow that the Northern re-
gime will be placed in full
control and all Russian troops
withdrawn by January 1.
Troop withdrawals have start-
ed.3. Communist-led revolt
against the elected Government
of Southern Korea. It was put
down only after serious fighting
between Communist and Loyal
factions of the Korean militia.4. Conquest by Chinese Com-
munists of Manchuria just over
Korea's Northern frontier.Observers here say the stage
is set for another East-West
world battle as heated, and as
likely to produce a final
solution, as that over Greece last
week in the General Assembly.

U.S. Position

Mr. John Foster Dulles, acting
chairman of the United States
delegation, will depict the situa-
tion forcefully. American coun-
cils say, in another instance of
Russian-led Communist attempts
at domination by force, violence,
terrorism and coercion.Russia's Andrei V. Vyshinsky,
is expected to dwell on the fact
that American troops remain in
Southern Korea as another in-
stance of alleged American ag-
gressive plans to maintain
bases against the Soviet Union.The American reply to this,
sources here say, is that Ameri-
can troops remain in the South
because the U.S. is truly in-
terested in Korea's independence.The U.S. strongly backed by
China as Korea's neighbour,
does not want to see Korea
freed only to be torn by a
civil war it feels would be
inevitable between the two
rival regimes.The debate will be based on
a report on conditions in Korea
since the May elections, pre-
pared by the Russian-boycotted
UN Temporary Commission on
Korea.

Favourable Vote

The U.S. and China will ask
and predictions are general for
a favourable vote, that the Com-
mittee recommend that the
General Assembly call on mem-
ber countries to recognise the
elected Government of the South
as the legal regime for all Korea.
They will argue that two
thirds of Korea's population lives
in the South, that the North did
not take part in the elections
only because Russia did not al-
low it and that the Government
headed by the aged patriot, Pres-
ident Syngman Rhee, is truly
representative.This vote will be won in the
Committee and again in the
General Assembly if there is
time for the case to be taken up
there before adjournment onDecember 11, most observers
agree.But the opinion is also wide-
spread that the UN will not
find a way to unify Korea
under a single Government.The Temporary Commission's
report recommends recognition
of the Rhee Government, at least
for the South. But it notes
gloomily that Korea's heavy
industries are in the Soviet-
dominated North and that there
is little hope for the country
economically so long as division
continues.It makes no recommendations
for final settlement. It urges the
General Assembly to keep the
problem on its agenda and seek
co-operation of member states
toward an eventual solution.

Opening skirmish of the de-

Relentless Purge On In Poland

Warsaw, November 29.

Poland's two leading political parties are mobilising
all active party workers with one sweeping
order: "Purge everything."Tens of thousands of agita-
tors and organisers for the
Communist workers and the
left wing Socialist parties are
busy in every city, town, village
and hamlet in the land, clean-
ing out all rightists, nationalists
and hostile elements.The Communists want to ab-
sorbed the socialists before the end
of the year and form a United
Workers Party under the leader-
ship of Poland's President, Boleslaw Bierut.But before they can do that
successfully they have to clean
up their own backyards.
The cleaning is now in full
swing.President Bierut, taking over
the Secretary-Generalship of the
communist party after the dis-
missal of the Vice-Premier,
Wladyslaw Gomulka, quickly set
to work to eliminate all seeking
to split unity of the workers
party.The party's executive com-
mittee said Gomulka had created
a harmful and dangerous
crisis by taking a line of rightist
and nationalist deviation.

Class War

The Communist drive is re-
lentless. Doubtful elements are
being purged from mem-
bership in the party and with the
purging go their jobs. This has
led many who assail the
workers' party, to join it
through fear.Everyone who is not a left
wing Communist of the interna-
tional brand is labelled a dan-
gerous rightist.One who felt the blow of the
axe was a former Premier, Ed-
ward Osobka-Morawski. He
long has opposed outright capitu-
lation by the Socialists to every-
thing the Communists demand.
He was kicked out as a rightist.
There are reports that now he
may also lose his Cabinet post
as Socialist Minister of Public
Administration.All Communist and Socialist
organisers have been ordered to
and are, pushing a relentless,
bitter class war among the na-
tion's 15,000,000 peasants. They
know that the nation's peasants
represent the backbone of na-
tionalism in Poland. They were

Warrant Out For Ashida

Tokyo, November 28.
A warrant was issued to-
day for the arrest of Hitoshi
Ashida, Democratic Party
leader and former Prime
Minister, and two other
members of his party in con-
nection with the Showa
Denko fertilizer company
scandal.The scandal, which caused
the collapse of the Ashida
Government on October 7,
related to a 2,700 million yen
black market deal with the
Government's Reconstruction
Bank.Several members of the Ja-
panese Diet have been arrest-
ed since the investigation of
the scandal began on August
—Reuter.date will be over inviting re-
presentatives from the parts of
Korea to take part.—Associated
Press.

American Treasury Bonds Down

New York, November 29.
Purely professional operations
this week caused numerous Uni-
ted States Treasury restricted
bonds again to decline to official
pegs with the result that the
Federal Reserve system had to
purchase a net \$9,500,000 of bonds
for the week ended November 24,
according to bond market techni-
cians.The net week's increase in
Federal Reserve holdings of
Treasury bonds was partially off-
set by a decline in holdings of
certificates by \$12,000,000 and
notes by \$17,000,000.Meanwhile, holdings of bills
rose by \$84,000,000. Restricted
issues of Federal bonds last
night were resting on official
pegs, but traders say that the
crucial of most previous week's
gains was entirely due to the
technical situation.The Treasury this week sold
\$100,000,000 90-day bills at a rate
approximating a yield of 1.147
per cent and redeemed about
\$100,000,000 worth of these mat-
uring bills in cash.The bill retirement programme
is being retained as another \$100,-
000,000 will be redeemed in cash
when about \$1,000,000 90-day
bills mature on December 2.—
Reuter.

ERP GRANTS

Washington, November 29.
Foreign aid grants to Europe
and China have passed US\$3,767,-
558,889, the Economic Co-opera-
tion Administration said on Sun-
day.Seventy-two grants were ap-
proved in the seven days ended
November 24, including \$23,000,-
000 for China and \$12,325,000 for
the Netherlands and the Nether-
lands East Indies.—Associated
Press.

Eire To Abolish Death Penalty?

Dublin, November 29.

Ireland is fast following England in a move to abolish
capital punishment.The death penalty has long
been a subject of controversy
in this country but successive
governments have believed it
better to retain it, in dealing
with those convicted of mur-
der.Perhaps in this they were
greatly influenced by the menace
of the Irish Republican Army, an
organisation opposed to the law-
ful government of the state,
which has now lost its strength
and has almost faded out.Strangely enough it is the first
coalition government ever to rule
Ireland which has favoured the
abolition of hanging, and stranger
still the greatest influence on the
Cabinet in its decision appears to
be the External Affairs Minister,
Sean MacBride, himself at one
time leader of the IRA and a
lawyer of considerable repute.Speaking at a meeting in
Dublin, Mr. MacBride expressed
himself as thoroughly opposed to
the death penalty, and told how
a prisoner he defended on a mur-
der charge was convicted but pro-
tested his innocence right up to
the moment when the trap-door
dropped hurling him into eternity.
"That man," said Mr. MacBride,
"told me the night before he was
hanged, and after having made
his peace with God, with the as-
sistance of his priest, that he was
absolutely innocent of the crime."Mixed Feelings
"Convinced as I was of his
innocence, there was nothing I
could do to save him paying the
extreme penalty for a crime of
which he was not guilty."
Two days after this speech was
delivered a Dublin man sentenced
to death for the murder of his
fiancee, a young widow and mo-

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Colombo & ContinentS.S. "DILWARA" due 30th Dec. from Southampton
Straits 6th Jan. for SouthamptonS.S. "SURAT" due 2nd Jan. from London & Con-
tinent via Straits.

S.S. "TREVANION" due 5th Jan. for Shanghai & Japan.

S.S. "CANTON" due 5th Jan. from London & Con-
tinent via Straits.S.S. "SURAT" due 17th Jan. from London, Bombay
& Straits.S.S. "SURAT" due 21st Jan. for Straits, Colombo,
Bombay & London.S.S. "SURAT" due mid Jan. from London & Con-
tinent via Straits & Colombo.S.S. "TREVANION" due early Feb. from London & Con-
tinent via Straits.S.S. "CARTHAGE" due 14th Feb. from London, Bombay,
& Straits.S.S. "SOMALI" due 10th Feb. from London, Bombay
& Straits.S.S. "CORFU" due 5th Mar. from London, Bombay
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Bombay & London.



JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"TASMAN" from Amoy to Javaports & Mincassar 7th December.	"TASMAN" to Javaports & Mincassar 23rd Dec.
"TJITALENGKA" from Mincassar & Javaports 12th Dec.	"TJITALENGKA" to Javaports & Mincassar 23rd Dec.
"TJISADANE" from Mincassar & Javaports 23rd December.	"TJISADANE" to Javaports & Mincassar 30th January.
"TJIBADAR" from Amoy to Javaports & Mincassar 2nd December.	"TJIBADAR" to Javaports & Mincassar 3rd February.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"CHAMPION" from Japan & Shanghai 9th Dec.	"CHAMPION" to South Africa & South America 15th December.
"CHAMPION" from South America & South Africa 3rd December.	"CHAMPION" to South Africa & South America 14th January.
"RUYS" from South America & South Africa 15th January.	"RUYS" to South Africa & South America 15th February.
"STRAAT MALAKKA" from South America & South Africa 23rd February.	"STRAAT MALAKKA" to South Africa & South America 15th March.

SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from Amoy & Swatow 9th December.	"VAN RIEMSDIJK" to Straits & B. Dell 6th December.
"TASMAN" from Amoy 17th December.	"TASMAN" to Singapore 8th December.

AGENTS: HOLLAND-ESTASIA LINE

Arrivals	Departures
"MOELANER" from Europe 4th Dec.	"MOELANER" to Shanghai, Japan 7th December.
"MERKUR" from Europe early Jan.	"MERKUR" to Europe via Manila & Straits 13th January.
"BRUNER" from Europe end January.	"BRUNER" to Europe via Manila & Straits, Mid February.

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m.v. "TONGHAI"	27th Jan.

LOADING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES

m.v. "DONA NATI"	21st Dec.
m.v. "BENARES"	8th Jan.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DIVIDEND PAYMENTS HEADING FOR NEW HIGH RECORD IN U.S.

New York, November 29.

Dividend payments to the owners of American business are headed for a new high record. Not since the lush days of 1921-30 have such generous dividends been paid on capital stock as a reflection of high earnings.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A quiet day coupled with an

overcast in the morning.

H.K. GOVT. BONDS:

4% Loan 1926.

3 1/2% Loan (1931 & 1934) 100.

3 1/2% Loan (1934) 100.

H.K. & S. Bank 1935.

Chartered Bank 41 1/2.

Oversea-Chinese Bank A. & S. 42 1/2.

Bank of East Asia 104 1/2.

INSURANCES:

Canton Ins. 2000, 3700.

Union Ins. 2500.

China Underwriters 500 n.

H.K. Fire Ins. 2000, 2700.

SHIPPING:

Douglases 23 1/2.

H.K. & S. Steamships 17 1/2.

Indo China (First) 19.

(Indo) 25 1/2.

Shanghai Steamer 27 1/2.

Union Wharves 37 1/2.

DOCKERS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.:

H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 13 1/2.

(New) 13 1/2.

North Point Wharves 7 1/2.

H. Hanchuan Wharves 2 1/2.

H.K. Docks 2 1/2.

China Dockyards 11 1/2.

MINING:

Gold Mines 17 1/2.

H.K. Mines 17 1/2.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS:

H. & S. Bldgs 13 1/2, 14.

Shanghai Land 2 1/2, 3 1/2.

Humphreys (S. R.) 17 1/2.

H.K. Docks 2 1/2.

H.K. Realities 18.

Chinese Realities 17.

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

H.K. Telephone 2 1/2, 20.

Peak Tunnels (Old) 2 1/2.

(New) 1 1/2.

Star Ferry 12 1/2.

C. Light (X. All) 11 1/2, 12.

H.K. Electric 30 1/2, 30 1/2.

Mauns Electric 21 1/2.

Sandakan Lights 15 1/2.

Telephone 2 1/2.

Shanghai Gas 6 1/2.

INDUSTRIAL:

Cold. Mng. (Old) 2 1/2.

Canton Iron 7.

Concrete 3 1/2, 27 1/2.

H.K. Buses 19 1/2.

STORES, ETC.:

Dairy Farms (Old) 4 1/2.

(New) 4 1/2.

Watsons (Old) 57 1/2, 57 1/2.

(New) 5 1/2.

L. Crawford (X. R.) 3 1/2.

(Rohde) 17 1/2.

Shippers 5 1/2.

China Emporium 5 1/2, 10 1/2.

Sun Co. Ltd. 1 1/2.

Kwong Sang Hong 1 1/2.

Wing On (H.K.) 1 1/2.

Wm. Powell Ltd. 1 1/2.

MISCELLANEOUS:

China Entertainment 5 1/2.

H.K. Construction (Old) 6 1/2.

(New) 4 1/2.

Vibros (Old) 1 1/2.

(New) 1 1/2.

Marsman Investments 13 1/2.

Shriman (H.K.) 4.

COTTONS:

Kow. 10 1/2.

Various Labels

An increased rate of dividend

payments has been particularly

evident in such industries as oil,

chemical, steel, building and the

railroads. These are labeled in

various ways as extra, special,

increase in regular dividends,

resumption of payments, stock

dividends, or they are called

year-end dividends.

As a rule, corporations prefer

to make their additional dividend

disbursements at the end of the

year. By that time they know

just where they stand on an

operational basis for the year

and are able to look ahead a little

bit for the coming year.

This year, however, the pay-

ments started earlier than usual,

probably because of the higher

earnings during the first nine

months and the outlook for con-

tinued high profits in the final

quarter.

Note Of Caution

Then, too, there was the im-

pending desire to distribute the

insure against running afoul of

the law on profits.

Notice To Consignees

CIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES

Consignees Per Company's

S.S. "MANDO"

are hereby notified that their

cargo is being discharged into

the Hongkong & Kowloon

Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown,

where it will be at Consignees

risk and subject to the Wharf's

terms and conditions of storage,

and where delivery may be

obtained as soon as the

goods are landed.

Damaged packages are to be

left in the Godowns for ex-

amination by Consignees and the

Company's Surveyors.

Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at

10 a.m. on Saturday, 4th

December, 1948.

To comply with the General

Bonded Warehouse Regulations

Consignees must have a Re-

venue Officer in attendance

when damaged dutiable goods

are examined.

No claims will be admitted

after the goods have left the

steamer's godowns, and all

goods remaining undelivered

after Monday, 6th December,

1948, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the

steamer must be presented to

the undersigned on or before

the 24th December, 1948 or

they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be

effected.

CIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

Hong Kong, Nov. 29, 1948.

Typical Case

Probably the outstanding case

in point is United States Steel,

the largest producer of its kind

in the world. Its shipments in

the first nine months were a

peace-time record, but its earn-

ings were below a year ago. In-

come this year was five per cent

of sales, the company reported,

while last year it was 6.3 per

cent.

U.S. Steel found it necessary

to set aside a fund for depre-

ciation 60 per cent higher than

the customary charge based on

original cost.

Before the meeting of directors

last month, Wall Street widely

expected them to declare a

special dividend. They did not.

Since then, many another com-

pany has adopted a cautious di-

vidend attitude, preferring to

keep a larger share of profits in

reserve for unknown trouble

ahead.—Associated Press.

LEVELLING OFF OF PRICES

New York, November 29.

American industrial production

is ready to drop and prices are

continuing to level off, the Na-

tional Association of Purchasing

Agents reports.

In a current survey, the Asso-

ciation says, "The trade estab-

lished in September and October

continued, and reports show pro-

duction high with back orders

declining. The consensus of pur-

chasing executives is that pro-

duction will fall off during De-

cember, and possibly January,

and back orders will decline fur-

ther.—Associated Press.

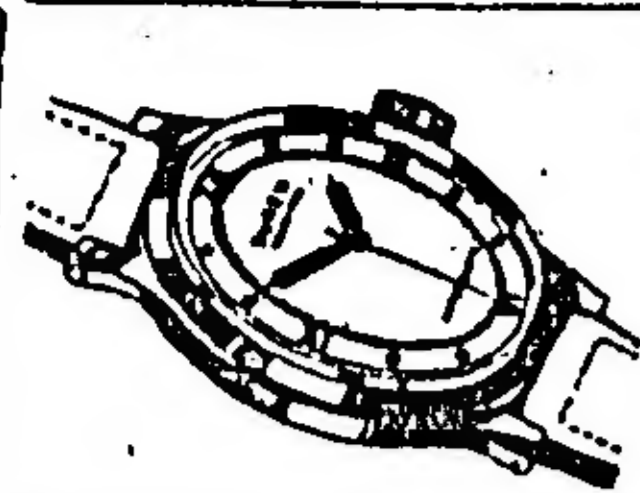
Notice To Consignees

m.v. EASTERN SAGA

From Straits/Calcutta

Arrived 26th November, 1948.

Damaged cargo ex this vessel



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THE PERFECT
SWISS WATCH

CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1948.



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NUMBER SEVEN

"7"

In PACKETS or TINS

OPINIONS EXPRESSED
ON SOCCER TRANSFERS

London, November 29.

Various opinions on soccer transfer fees and players' contracts, with the accent on the Wilf Mannion case, have been expressed by players, their union, the League and the Football Association, and all have received wide-spread publication in the press.

Now, the men who are immediately responsible for the welfare of the players (but from whom little has been heard), the managers and club directors themselves, are to take a hand in the matter.

Initial Two
Championship
Golf Rounds

The first two rounds of the championship were completed on Sunday, and resulted in Messrs. J. S. Robertson, W. J. Robertson, and G. G. D. Carter entering the semi-finals.

Mr. Robertson and Mr. J. S. Robertson, the final two rounds will be played on Saturday and Sunday, December 12.

The trophy pool was won by Mr. S. S. Gordon and it is hoped that this will be some consolation to the four players who were eliminated from the championship.

Good progress has been made in the trophy cup and the following have reached the third round: South Island Insurance who beat Hongkong, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank who beat H. M. S. Turner, Wheelock, Marder & Co. who beat the N. B. L. and J. J. and D. W. L. who beat H. D. Hutchinson & Co. Teams who have not yet played are reminded that the second round must be completed by December 5.

Last Sunday week, while the St. Andrews and St. George's Societies were battling manfully, it fell to an Irishman, Mr. M. B. Tighe to have the honour of holding out on the seventh hole on the Old Course in one.

Fog May Prevent
Soccer Game
Against Swiss XI

London, November 29.

No alternative plans have yet been made by the Football Association about fog, which is at present blanketing most parts of England, prevent the international football match between England and Switzerland from taking place at the Arsenal Stadium on Wednesday afternoon.

Officials are hopeful that the weather will clear by that time.

The Swiss, who are due to fly to Ireland on Friday to oppose Eire on Sunday, have a free day in London on Thursday for sight-seeing.

They could play England on that day if Wednesday's arrangements have to be upset and Tom Whitaker, the Arsenal manager, said today that the stadium would be available on Thursday if required by the Football Association.

While arrangements stand for the Swiss team to land at Northolt aerodrome tomorrow, they may have to put down at Hurn Blackbushe or Bovingdon, and complete the journey to London by other means.—Reuter.

England XV
Beats France

Bordeaux, November 28.

Scoring two goals in the last two minutes, England snatched a dramatic win over France by 12 points to five in a Rugby League international today.

Though England led by two points to zero at half time, they were trailing two points to five when France scored a penalty goal five minutes from time.

Then in a determined rally England got over for a converted try three minutes later and, with half a minute left, scored again.

England played better as a combination, but France claimed the honours for individual brilliance in a match watched by 25,000 people.—Reuter.

GRID RESULTS

New York, November 29.

Professional football scores.

National League: New York 28, Boston 14; Philadelphia 17, Pittsburgh 0; Chicago Bears 49, Washington 19; Los Angeles 24, Green Bay 10.

All American Conference: Buffalo 35, New York 14, Baltimore 30, Brooklyn 20.—Associated Press.

Turks Beat
Greek Team

Istanbul, November 29.

More than 20,000 soccer enthusiasts saw Turkey's national team defeat Greece by two goals to one.

Playing on a freshly snow-swept and tricky field, the Turks led in the first half. The Greeks took the initiative through the second half although it was useless.

Thrusting into the Greeks' defence, the inside right, Reha Eken, scored Turkey's first goal after the third minute. Eken again scored in the 19th minute.

The Outside left, Finktos, scored Greece's only goal two minutes before half time.—Associated Press.

LRC TENNIS
TOURNAMENT

The Ladies Recreation Club will be holding a Progressive Tennis Tournament on December 6, at 11 a.m. Progress is to be the same as in a Whist Drive.

Lunch and tea will be served at the Club. Members may bring guest players, but all names must be posted on the Club Notice Board or sent to the Hon. Secretary by the evening of December 3.

Basle, November 28.

Switzerland today defeated Czechoslovakia by three goals to two in an international ice hockey match.—Reuter.

Cathedral
Recitals
To Start

The inaugural recital of a series to be given in the Cathedral on the first Sunday of every month will take place on Sunday December 5, at 8 p.m.

The Full Cathedral Choir will sing music by Goss, Novello, Bach and Purcell. The Bach anthem is the chorale, "Jesu, joy of man's destiny" and the Purcell, a setting of "Requiem in the Lord" commonly known as The Bell Anthem because of the short instrumental prelude for strings on the composer's favourite ground-bass device.

The Cathedral Choir has recently recruited quite a number of new members, but as some of the older chorists are due to go on leave soon, it is hoped that more new chorists will come forward to maintain the Cathedral standard.

The programme contains two features of particular interest to local residents. Jameson Huang is to sing three roles and his selection will contain the well-known aria from the Messiah, "Requiem Valley shall be exalted". He will sing in addition to this "In my youth" from The Creation and "It will all your hearts" from Elijah.

Dr. C. K. Wong, who needs an introduction will play flute solos by Handel and Clark.

Jameson Huang and Dr. Wong are both well-known in local musical circles and their appearance adds to the attraction of the first in this series of recitals.

These recitals are being organised by Dr. Ernest To and the Cathedral Organist and the proceeds are for the Cathedral Funds.

Twin Shooting
Incident At Hotel

A double shooting tragedy, involving a Shantung ex-conservable and a 19-year-old married woman, was discovered by a room boy of the Bay View Hotel, Causeway Bay, early yesterday morning.

About 9.30 a.m. three shots were heard from room 22, booked on the previous night by a man who gave his name as Kok Lin-chow and a woman giving her name as Wang Yee.

When the door was opened, the man was found lying fatally wounded on the bed, while the woman was near the doorway with a head wound.

The man was identified as 26-year-old ex-conservable 2544 for Ng-chow, and the woman as 12-year-old Lam Shun. She was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital where her condition last night was described as fair.

It was learned that at 8 p.m. on Sunday, the young woman left the house of her parents-in-law at Lockhart Road in the company of For. When she had not returned by 5 a.m. yesterday, a report was made to the Wanchai police, and a Missing Person message circulated.

Yesterday's shooting incident was the second within a month involving a member of the police force. The other one took place about three weeks ago when a Chinese detective, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, shot a man, a woman, and himself in a house at Wanchai.

FOG DELAYS
QUEEN ELIZABETH

Southampton, November 29.

The liner Queen Elizabeth, for the second successive day, was unable to sail today because of fog.

The Cunard White Star Line announced the liner will try to leave tomorrow morning at 0830 GMT.

The passengers groaned when the announcement was chalked up and many of them made plans to go ashore.

The pilot, Captain George Somerville, said the fog was so thick there was never any chance of getting the ship out.—United Press.

YMCA DEBATE

The motion that "World Government is practicable and should be established" will be tabled at the coming Debate of the European YMCA Debating and Discussion Group, to be held at 8.45 p.m. tomorrow, in the 1st floor lounge of the European YMCA Kowloon.

The proposer will be Mr. W. A. Anderson, and Mr. G. D. Sloss will lead the opposition.

The public are cordially invited to attend.

On Way To Battle Front

The Tyrol
Goes To
The Polls

Rome, November 28.

Italy's Tyrolean population, transferred to her from Austria under the peace treaty of 1919 went to the polls in their picturesque costumes today to elect provincial councils for the provinces of Bolzano and Trentino and a Regional Parliament for the two provinces combined in many small mountain villages.

All the electors had cast their votes by early afternoon. The Archbishops of Trentino and Bressanone (Brixen in its German form) were among the early voters and were followed by many clergy and members of Catholic associations.

Reports from Bolzano indicated tonight that the province would elect 12 deputies of the South Tyrol People's Party, the principal German-speaking party, out of a total of 20 deputies to the Regional Parliament.

Reports from Trentino suggested the Christian Democrats would secure about 15 of the 26 seats in that province. Trentino is the native province of the Italian Prime Minister, Signor Alcide De Gasperi.

At the peace treaty discussions after World War II, the Premier and Dr. Karl Gruber, the Austrian Foreign Minister, agreed on local autonomy for the former Austrian South Tyrol and Trentino regions.—Reuter.

Atom Bomb Gave
Him Right Dose

New York, November 29.

The atomic bomb in Nagasaki gave one man a good treatment for his leukemia. It did not, however, cure him.

This healing effect of an atomic bomb is reported in the American Journal of Surgery by Dr. Austin M. Bales of the University of Chicago.

"One of the professors of the Nagasaki Medical School," he writes, "who was suffering from chronic leukemia, and had not been responding to radiation therapy, enjoyed prolonged remission as a result of the radiation received at the time of the blast."

This professor got a big dose of Gamma Rays from the flash of the bomb, the same rays that caused an estimated eight to 15 per cent of Japanese deaths, also loss of hair for many people and temporary sterility.

These Gamma rays are exactly the same as the rays which the professor had been receiving and which had failed to help him.

The bomb rays, however, were much more concentrated than most X-rays or most radium Gamma Rays.

The professor was in the Nagasaki Medical College, which was only a few hundred yards from the point where the bomb went off. He was close enough to hit out in the open rays would have caused his death even if concussion and burns failed to kill him.

The building walls shielded him from the full force of the bomb's rays, however, and by sheer luck gave him just the dosage which helped his leukemia.—Associated Press.

Cagoulard
Terrorists
Sentenced

Paris, November 28.

Sentences ranging from life imprisonment to four months were passed by the court yesterday on 27 Cagoulards accused of terrorism and assassination. Eleven others were acquitted.

Two of those sentenced yesterday—Fernand Jacobiez (third labour for life) and Gabriel Jean—were today ordered to pay 1,200,000 francs claimed by the Customs for arms alleged to have been smuggled into France.

Fernand Jacobiez admitted during the trial that he had taken part in the murder by stabbing of two Italian Communists, the Roselli brothers, in Normandy in 1936.

The court awarded 2,500,000 francs to the family of one of two policemen killed when Cagoulards blew up the Paris headquarters of the General Confederation of French Employers in 1937, and 1,700,000 francs to the family of the other policeman.

The family of the Roselli brothers and the sister of Dorigny were each awarded token damages of one franc they had claimed.—Reuter.

LOCAL SOCCER
STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
R. China "A"	8	0	0	8	24	7	0
K. Motor Bus	9	7	0	2	26	11	14
Chinese A.A.	10	6	1	3	20	12	13
Eastern	10	4	2	4	18	11	10
Kit Chee	10	5	1	4	24	11	11
Army	8	5	1	2	26	18	11
St. Joseph's	8	4	1	3	19	18	9
R. China "B"	9	3	2	4	23	8	8
Club	9	3	1	5	18	13	7
Police	7	2	3	2	16	20	7
R.A.P.	10	0	1	9	12	33	3
Navy	8	1	6	10	30	3	3
Kwong Wah	9	0	1	8	10	30	1

SECOND DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chinese A.A.	15	12	0	3	64	10	24
South China	12	10	1	1	34	10	21
K. Motor Bus	10	8	2	0	40	10	18
Army-KL	11	8	2	1	37	11	17
Eastern	12	6	1	5	20	13	13
Kit Chee	10	6	4	0	25	11	16
St. Joseph's	12	7	1	4	25	15	15
Tramways	12	5	1	6	22	30	11
St. Joseph's	11	4	1	6	20	28	9
Police	12	7	1	4	25	15	15
W.D. Chinese	10	2	4	4	19	22	8
P.G.A.	10	3	2	5	21	31	8
Dokeyard	11	3	0	8	20	46	6
Police	10	2	0	8	15	31	4
Soldiers	12	0	1	11	9	41	1
University	11	0	1	10	4	41	1

KOREAN XI DUE

Hong Kong soccer fans will be provided with an entertaining feast over the New Year, as the "China Mail" has been reliably informed that a Korean soccer team will arrive here towards the end of December for a series of games.

Selection Of U.S.
Grid Contestants
For Bowl Games

New York, November 29.

Selection of the Nation's football bowl contestants was just about completed today.

The major bowl line-up: Rose at Pasadena—North West—Oregon; Sugar at New Orleans—Oklahoma—North Carolina; Cotton at Dallas—Southern Methodist—Oregon; Orange at Miami—Georgia—Florida; Sun at El Paso—West Virginia—Texas Mines.

Army's tie by Navy on Saturday left only four major teams with perfect records—Michigan, Notre Dame, California and Clemson.

Here is the list of major conference champions: Big Nine—Michigan; Pacific Coast—California and Oregon co-champions; South West—Southern Methodist.

South Eastern—Georgia, Skyline—Utah, Big Seven—Oklahoma, Missouri Valley—Oklahoma A and M.

Southern—Clemson leads and should capture the title next Saturday, with a win over weak Citadel.—Associated Press.

Mortenson
Injured

London, November 28.

Stanley Mortenson, England's inside right, today reported a very painful knee following his injury at Charlton yesterday, and his fitness for the international match with Switzerland at Highbury on Wednesday remains in some doubt.

The English team left tonight for Brighton, a Sussex coastal resort.

A party of Swiss officials arrived today at an airport near Bournemouth, where their aircraft, which should have arrived at Northolt, was diverted because of fog.—Reuter.

U.S. Champions
May Fight
In Britain

London, November 29.

American world champions may be defending their titles in British rings against British boxers next year if the London promoter, Jack Solomons, and an unnamed Northern business man, can be persuasive enough.

Mr. Solomons hopes to arrange for the welterweight king, Ray "Sugar" Robinson, and the bantamweight title holder, Manuel Ortiz, to come to England to defend their titles, while a Blackpool business man has been negotiating with the former world featherweight champion, Willie Pep, before he lost his title to Sandy Saddler.

The negotiations had been switched after the fight but Saddler's promise to give Pep a return fight has complicated matters. The manager of Saddler has stated that although they were unable at the moment to accept the offer to fight in England, he would be willing to resume negotiations after the return title fight.

The problem of finding opponents for this formidable trio of champions from the United States is not to be envied. Mr. Solomons said that Ortiz wants to fight here and is prepared to stake his championship against Jack Patterson, the British champion.

"In view of Patterson's commitments," Mr. Solomons stated, "I am not making any decision yet." Patterson has to fight Ronnie Iraper, of Southampton, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, on Monday, and has to defend his title against Stan Rowan soon.—Reuter.

DANES WIN

London, November 28.

The Danish fencing champion and runner-up in the Olympic Games, Karel Lachmann, was undefeated in helping the Ladies Circle at Epsom to beat the London Fencing Club by nine wins to seven today in the final of the British Women's Inter-Club fencing championships.—Reuter.

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